

Governor's Workforce Board RI
Planning and Evaluation Committee Meeting
March 3, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members present:	William McGowan, Mario Bueno, Sandra Powell,
Committee Members absent:	Paul MacDonald, Mia Caetano-Johnson
GWB Staff present:	Nancy Olson, Maureen Mooney
DLT Staff present:	David Tremblay, Donna Treglia
Other Staff present:	Malcolm Baxter
Location:	RI Department of Labor & Training, Conference room 72-1

Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

Chair McGowan called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He indicated that the purpose of the meeting is to review the elements of the final draft of the strategic plan, noting that the comments from the public hearing will be incorporated. He reported that if the plan is approved today, it will go to the full board on Thursday, March 12, 2009 for an open discussion and vote.

Final Draft Strategic Plan

D. Tremblay provided a brief overview of the public hearing that was held on February 18th. He indicated there was representation from several community groups including the RI Family Life Center, the United Way, the Poverty Institute and others serving the disability community including Rhodes to Independence. D. Tremblay summarized the results of the hearing stating there are "non-substantial" changes to the strategic plan and that an additional public hearing is not required. He noted that the plan made inconsistent references to special populations with disabilities and that a more appropriate definition of this population was provided. He reported that the Poverty Institute suggested that the community based organizations (CBO) be brought into the plan implementation process. D. Tremblay emphasized that the strategic plan is an amendable plan and adaptable to current economic times and events such as the economic stimulus package.

With no further discussion, Chair McGowan asked for a motion to accept the review of the final draft of the strategic plan. He indicated that the intent of the motion is to move the plan to the full board on Thursday, March 12, 2009.

VOTE: M. Bueno moved to approve, seconded by S. Powell. All were in favor, the motion passed.

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A motion was entered to approve the 1/15/09 meeting minutes of the Planning and Evaluation Committee.

VOTE: S. Powell moved to approve, seconded by M. Bueno. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Workforce Investment Notices

D. Treglia of the State Workforce Investment Office reviewed the WIN notices 08-06, 08-07 and 08-08. She reported that WIN Notice 08-06 advertised the public hearing on the GWB Five Year Strategic Workforce Plan which was held on February 18, 2009.

A motion was entered to approve Workforce Investment Notice 08-06.

VOTE: M. Bueno moved to approve, seconded by S. Powell. All were in favor, the motion passed.

D. Treglia reported that WIN Notice 08-07 is a planning guidance for the one year local plan that will come in from the 2 local workforce boards for Year 5 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). She noted that the timeline for the approval process is included in this notice. She indicated the draft local plans will be presented to the Planning and Evaluation Committee on May 5th and the final plans to the Governor's Workforce Board on June 18th.

. A motion was entered to approve Workforce Investment Notice 08-07.

VOTE: S. Powell moved to approve, seconded by M. Bueno. All were in favor, the motion passed.

D. Treglia reported that WIN Notice 08-08 is notice for a public hearing for the one year extension of the current Workforce Investment Act State Plan. The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 5th. Once the public hearing is conducted, the draft will be presented for final approval to the GWB on March 12th. The draft then goes to the Governor for approval and then to USDOL by April 15th.

VOTE: M. Bueno moved to approve, seconded by S. Powell. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Chair McGowan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was entered to adjourn the meeting of the Planning and Evaluation committee.

VOTE: M. Bueno moved to approve, seconded by S. Powell. All others were in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney