

Governor's Workforce Board
Strategic Investments and Evaluation Committee Meeting
April 3, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Mike Grey, Chair, George Nee, Mario Bueno, Cheryl Merchant
Committee Members Absent: Constance Howes, Martin Trueb
GWB Board Members Present: Charles Fogarty
GWB Staff Present: Rick Brooks, Elizabeth Jardine, Sherri Carello, Hillary Feeney
DLT Staff Present: David Tremblay, Mavis McGetrick, Diane Gagne, Sue Chomka, Sean Fontes
Others Present: Malcolm Baxter, BIS; Irena Nedeljkovic, EPI, Paul Harden, Commerce RI; Cheryl DaCosta, Tech Collective
Location: Department of Labor and Training, Conference Room 73-2

Call to Order

Chair Grey called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

Chair Grey asked for a review of the March 13, 2014 Strategic Investments & Evaluation Committee meeting minutes. Chair Grey asked if there was a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

VOTE: G. Nee moved to approve, seconded by C. Merchant. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Innovative Partnership Grant RFP

Chair Grey asked Rick Brooks to provide an overview of the FY15 Innovative Partnership Grant RFP and discuss the recommended changes. R. Brooks referred to the summary handout and discussed the key components of the grant, current grantees, and changes to the RFP. He highlighted the recommended provision of awarding 10 bonus points to current grantees, based on their current FY14 grant, in order to provide continued support for current grantees as well as create an opportunity for new applicants to receive funding. Committee members discussed how the additional points would be awarded, negotiated performance targets, and the possibility of interviewing applicants. After further discussion, the committee agreed to move forward with the recommended bonus section and to look further into the possibility of interviewing applicants.

Industry Partnership Grant RFP

Chair Grey asked Rick Brooks to provide an overview of the Industry Partnership Grant RFP. R. Brooks referred to the summary handout and discussed the recommended changes. He noted the GWB currently funds three Healthcare Industry Partners. R. Brooks discussed the 4ward Planning Industry Partnership evaluation and grant amounts for each sector. He highlighted the recommendations to fund only one IP from each sector, and the addition of a "wild card" sector, in which applicants could make a case for an emerging sector based on labor market information, growth potential, economic development alignment, etc. The committee discussed developing outcome measures related to the GWB Biennial Plan priorities, how the

recommended changes could affect the proposal review process, and the funding breakdown for core and training activities. The committee agreed to move forward with the proposed recommendations for the Industry Partnership RFP and suggested a meeting be scheduled with Healthcare Industry Partners in advance to collaborate on ways to bring more efficiency and value to the program. Chair Grey recommended further discussion of the Industry Partnership sectors and their alignment with the workforce system.

WIA Common Measures

Chair Grey asked David Tremblay to discuss the WIA Common Measures. D. Tremblay noted that Common Measures are incorporated within performance reporting for the WIA and align programs through metrics and measures. He indicated the current system includes 17 measures that will be condensed into 9 Common Measures that other ETA programs report on. He discussed the consolidation process and announced the changes will be in place for 2015.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Grey asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: G. Nee motioned to approve, seconded by C. Merchant. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia-Anne Roberts