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Missouri Workforce Investment Board

Quarterly General Body Meeting
Thursday, July 29, 2010
10:00a.m.
Capitol Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri

Members Present: Mike Deggendorf (Chairman), Matthew Aubuchon, Julie Gibson, Garland Barton, Fred Bronstein, Cara Canon, Don Cook, Keith Gary, Richard Gronniger, Byron Hill, LeRoy Stromberg, Josh Tennison, Len Toenjes, David Russell/Tim Gallimore, Richard Phillips, Gil Kennon, Neil Nuttall, Reginal Hoskins, John Gaal, Curtis Chick, Cheryl Thruston, David Cramp, Marian Atwell, David Russell, Damion Tresada, Patrick Lynn, Maida Coleman

Members Absent: Wayne Feuerborn, Jeanette Prenger, Len Toenjes, Kelly Walters, Zelema Harris, Martha Ellen Black, Brenda Wrench, David Kerr, Deborah Price, Sen. Tom Dempsey, Rep. Tim Flook, Sen. Wes Shoemyer,

MoWIB Staff: Nia Ray, Glenda Terrill

Other Attendees: Lindy Hustedler (DHSS), Connie Barnhill (DWD), Marty Romitti (DED/MERIC), Mary Bruton (DED/MERIC), Gene Gorden (LWIB Liaison/WIB Director), Catherine Johnson (WIB Chair), Pati Carter (WIB Director), Steve Coffman (DESE), Michelle Bruemmer (MOAFL), Mark Fuqua (WIB Director), William Dowling (WIB Director)

A. Call to Order

Chairman Mike Deggendorf called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m

B. Approval of February 4, 2010 Annual Full Board & April 23, 2010 Quarterly Full Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman Deggendorf requested board approval of the minutes then clarified that a quorum was still elusive to the board and deferred formal approval of the minutes until the quorum is reached. Chair Deggendorf asked for review of the meeting minutes and for acceptance of those accounts as being accurate transcripts. Chairman Deggendorf called for a motion to accept the accounting of events from past meetings. David Cramp moved for an informal acceptance of the minutes; seconded by multiple members. The motion carried and the minutes were informally accepted.

C. Introductions of New Members

Chairman Deggendorf introduced and welcomed new members: Fred Bronstien, Cara Canon, Don Cook, David Cramp, Wayne Feuerborn, Keith Gary, Byron Hill, Reginal Hopkins, Joshua Tennison, David Russell, Richard Phillips, Maida Coleman, Curtis Chick, Jeanette Prenger and LeRoy Stromberg, Jr. Gene Gorden, TEAM Chair, was introduced as the new LWIB Liaison.

D. Executive Director Update

Nia Ray, Executive Director welcomed new members on behalf of MoWIB staff. She stated that board membership is required to be 51% private sector business representatives, which is still short 7 members; candidates, however, have applied and are moving through the process. Ms. Ray provided an Executive Director Update which included:

- **Healthcare Sector Planning Grant update** – MoWIB applied for the Healthcare Sector Planning Grant on July 19, 2010 which was authorized by the federal Affordable Care Act. The grant provides two grant opportunities. First is a planning grant which is a \$150,000.00 grant to approximately 30 states for planning with respect to healthcare sector workforce development. Second is the \$1.5 million implantation grant which may be sought by states awarded the planning grant. MoWIB meets all eligibility requirements for the planning grant with the exception of three categories: Public 4- year institution for higher education, healthcare employer and the philanthropic organization actively engaged in healthcare and workforce activities. Keith Gary has submitted information to board indicating they do engage in the required philanthropic activities, but to insure this category is covered the Missouri Foundation for Health has offered to serve in this capacity. MoWIB is working with the Governor's office to find the appropriate 4 year public institution and healthcare employer. With the complexities of the MoWIB appointment process Ms. Ray suggested to the Governor Office that we add individuals to Board Sub-Committee and they did agree based on the complexities of the appointment process. The grant does allow state partners to be added after grant is awarded. Missouri will develop a statewide Healthcare workforce plan which will require identification of existing resources. Proposed work plan convenes the first meeting on October 10th.
- **Health Care Profession Grant for TANF Recipients and Other Low-Income Individuals information** - Another grant opportunity for which MoWIB action is required is the Healthcare Professons Grant for TANF Recipients or other Low-Income Individuals. Applicants must demonstrate within the application that they consulted with the Department of Social Services, MoWIB, Local WIB and US Department of Labor. Three community based organizations requested Memoranda of Understanding from MoWIB to evidence the required coordination: MERS/Goodwill (St. Louis), All About Family 1 (St. Louis) and the Full Employment Council, Inc. (Kansas City). Ms. Ray emphasized that the grant application provides that a Memorandum of Understanding can be evidence of coordination and that the language does not prevent the board from considering other forms of evidence. Damion Tresada from the Department of Social Services stated that his agency is working on letters of support for each of the agencies. Ms. Ray stated that she had spoken with the US DOL who had committed to letters of support for several agencies. Given the amount of time the Board was given to consider the applicants and the August 5th due date, the Board determined that a letter of support should be drafted and submitted to the board for review.
- **State Workforce Plan update** – The MoWIB Executive Committee met on May 21st and approved state plan modification required by US Dept. of Labor. No public comments were made so the plan was submitted to the DOL by the June 30th deadline.

- **National Healthcare Commission** - Margaret Donnelly (DHSS) and Ron Levy (DSS) were submitted and were nominated by the board. Next board meeting will be held September 15 during the Governors Conference on Economic Development in Kansas City, MO.
- **September 15th MoWIB meeting** – The next scheduled MoWIB meeting will be held September 15th at 10:00 am in conjunction with the Governor’s Conference on Economic Development. Ms. Ray stated that one hotel night and registration will be paid for members. The members were directed to the registration forms in their packets and members were urged to return the forms by August 3rd.

E. DWD Update

Division of Workforce Development (DWD) Director Julie Gibson addressed the board about economic recovery and job creation. Director Gibson indicated that DWD is working on new products, services and improving customer service. She highlighted the transition of the Career Centers to the Next Generation Career Center (NGCC) in July and highlighted WorkReady Missouri and On-the-Job Training (OJT) opportunities promoted by DWD. Bill Dowling, Director of the Ozark WIB, and Pati Carter, Director of the West Central WIB discussed their respective experiences with the transition to the NGCC model and provided information about their local WIBs.

F. Unemployment Benefits-Status Report

Maida Coleman, Dept. Labor Ind. Relations stated that President Obama signed legislation to extend unemployment benefits and pay eligible beneficiaries retroactively. Approximately 50,000 Missourians have exhausted their unemployment benefits and will not receive checks even with the extension. Within the next 3-5 weeks, those eligible candidates with frozen benefits should receive unemployment compensation.

G. Strategic Plan Updates

Access Committee - Matt Aubuchon, Access Committee Chair, stated that the committee worked through the final steps of the Access plan in June and stated the committee’s next step is identifying opportunities to add to and collaborate with other strategies.

Alignment Committee - John Gaal, Alignment Committee Chair, indicated that employers want more say in workforce development processes. Glenda Terrill distributed a survey used by the State of Washington to the committee chairs and the Alignment committee will discuss using that study along with MERIC to run a pilot in a few areas of the State of Missouri, and will review results before plan goes statewide.

Awareness Committee - Gil Kennon, Chair of Awareness Committee indicated that evidence of the the Awareness Committee’s work was present at the meeting including presentations from two local WIBs, a draft communication plan in place and the e-newsletter. Committee has created a matrix of skill sets of information from Dept of Elementary and Secondary Education and MERIC. They are also developing a scorecard that they will work on with Awareness Committee.

Accountability Committee - Len Toenjes, Chair of Accountability Committee was not present Nia spoke on his behalf and stated that the committee has moved forward, but many members on the Accountability committee were new and weren’t sure of what was already in place. Nia stated that the Access and Awareness Committee have the bulk of their initial

strategic planning process complete. The Alignment Committee has the most actions and strategies of all committees, and to help reach same results committees will be combined. Access will combine with Accountability Committee and Awareness will combine with Alignment Committee.

H. DWD Performance Measure Presentation

Roger Baugher, DWD, presented the current workforce metrics used by DWD and the US DOL to define successful performance. Mr. Baugher also presented the metrics to be used toward identifying the success of the NGCC model.

I. MERIC Presentation

Marty Rommitti, MERIC Director, presented an overview of research performed by MERIC on the state of Missouri's economy. Mary Bruton provided a report on the Core Products and Services offered by MERIC and requested the Board approve the report. Mike Deggendorf requested a motion, Rick Gronniger moved and Neil Nuttall seconded. The report was approved.

J. Strategic Committee Breakouts

Ms. Ray postponed Strategic Committee breakout sessions due to time constraints but committed to communicating with the Committee Chairs to coordinate a teleconference between July and the September meeting.

K. Adjourn

Chairman Deggendorf adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Approved:

Michael (Mike) Deggendorf
Board Chairman

Nia Ray
Executive Director