

SOUTHEAST COLORADO WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING

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July 22, 2014
1:00pm-2:00pm

Members present:	Representing:
Jeannie Larsen	SEMH WIB Chair-Private
Gerald Barber	Crowley County Rep-Private
Ray Garcia	LEO
Johnnie DeLeon	IF-Private
Ron Davis	Private
Jayne McGraw	Spanish Peaks-Private
John Marrin	LCC President
Dan Tate	SECED
Ryan Stevens	Economic Development
Carmen Simone	TSJC
Betty Velasquez	Southeast /South Central Director
Ray Martinez	La Junta Workforce Center
Charles Griego	Trinidad Workforce Center
Shannon Garcia	Southeast Workforce Center

Members Not Present: Bill Koehler, Nancy Wilkinson, Jim Rizzuto, Joe Pentlicki, Sheila Hudson, Chris Tuma

Welcome/Introductions: Jeannie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Changes: No agenda changes were requested.

Consent Vote: Jeannie informed the board that David Cockrell will no longer be on the board, he is leaving OJC but a letter was received recommending Tammy Dorenkamp take his place on the board. Jerry Nickell is no longer with the school district in Las Animas; he will no longer sit on the board. Jeannie noted that there are a few board members that have not been attending meetings; she asked that Carmen, Bill, and Nancy be contacted to see if they are still interested in being a part of the board. Jeannie asked if any corrections to the minutes were needed, the minutes were approved no corrections were noted and the new board member, Tammy Dorenkamp, was appointed to the board.

Reports and Updates: Betty then went over her report. Betty discussed the total enrollments for PY13 in the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Programs. Betty then showed the PY12 & PY13 enrollment comparisons. Betty then covered the WIA expenditure information for PY13 for the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Programs. Betty then shared the training information locations for PY13 and noted that the majority of the funds are staying local. Ray Garcia stated that TSJC will more than likely not have lineman program any longer due to losing their teacher. Jeannie asked what measures will be taken to increase the number of enrollments at OJC. Betty stated

that staff will be getting in front of classes and working with OJC staff closely, she noted that this has been an ongoing conversation. Betty noted that staff will be on site at OJC to see if enrollments can be captured before classes begin. Jerry asked if the enrollment numbers depend on the approved trainings; Betty stated that she thought that there may have been some miscommunication between Workforce staff and OJC staff but meetings have taken place to ensure any miscommunication be cleared up. John stated that he knows that Jim has been working with his staff to assist in getting the word out to his staff at OJC. John stated that not many years ago much of the money was going out of area for training and he is pleased to see the money staying local. John also noted that he will be reaching out to Carmen Simone to discuss the value of these meetings. Betty then discussed the distribution of funds between occupational training, on the job training, work experience and direct placements. Betty then shared the PY14 allocations by program. Betty also covered the PY14 enrollment goals. Betty then showed the board a comparison from last year concerning Wagner Peyser activity; Betty did note that some of the services are lower this year than last year and it is thought that a lower number of jobseekers coming in could be attributed to less individuals coming into the Workforce Centers for UI requirements.

Betty then covered the youth internships that are occurring as a result of the Youth Career Conference, to date there are six active internships, two internships in the pipeline and four more internships available.

Betty then gave an update on the consolidation; she noted that press releases have gone out. Betty informed the board that the Pueblo Chieftain press release was incorrect but the release that was published in the Rocky Ford paper was correct, the La Junta paper will publish the release later this week. Betty gave an update on the work that is being done to the building. Betty then discussed the hold over that was sent out to the City of Rocky Ford and Otero County to stay in Rocky Ford and La Junta 60 days past the lease end date of June 30th to allow time to move into the new building once construction was complete. Rocky Ford was agreeable but Otero County denied the hold over and asked that we be out as of July 31st. Betty would like to have an open house at the new location on September 10, 2014. Betty asked for suggestions for the September open house. Betty also asked the board if they would like to have the August meeting at the new location. Ron was agreeable to move the location for the next meeting, Jerry also agreed. Jeannie asked if the December meeting could be switched to the Trinidad/Walsenburg area. No one stated opposition. Betty informed the board that a representative would like to come to this area to host a Civil Rights training, she noted that this training could be done at the next board meeting if everyone was agreeable. Johnnie asked where staff will go due to the hold over not being agreed to by Otero County; Betty noted that they will come back to Rocky Ford until the Rocky Ford Office is moved into the new location.

Clarke thanked the board for their support on the consolidation and the move. Clarke took responsibility for not communicating with the board early on in the process of the consolidation. Clarke stated that many people are working hard to get this done. Betty

also extended her thanks to the board; she noted that it couldn't have been done without their support.

Jeannie asked since staff has been handling WIA and Wagner Peyser simultaneously for a few years are things becoming more seamless and are they well trained in their new duties. Betty stated that there is always room for growth and we are continually becoming more streamlined. Betty noted that training is available and staff knows what to do in order to access training. Betty was also pleased to announce that there was a monitoring recently and minimal errors were found. Before staff were limited on what they could provide but now staff are better equipped due to handling both programs.

Approval of WIA Plan: Betty stated that the WIA Plan was sent out to the board for review, and it is pretty comprehensive. The targeted industries discussed in the plan are healthcare and advanced manufacturing. Staff will still continue to work closely with local training providers. Jeannie asked if there would be any changes when working with youth. Betty noted that staff will continue to perform and assess youth as they have been this past year; there would not be any big changes regarding program administration for youth.

Approval of the Eligible Training Provider and Programs Policy: Shannon discussed the approval process of eligible training providers and programs; she noted that the policy needed to be approved by the board once again. Shannon noted that Ray Martinez in the La Junta Office has been the individual that approves training providers and programs since WIA has been administered by state staff and that this would not change but the policy needed to be approved for the year. Jerry made a motion to add the Approval of WIA Plan and the Approval of the Eligible Training Provider and Programs Policy to the consent vote Ryan seconded the motion and the motion carried no opposition for the approval for the WIA Plan or the Approval of the Eligible Training Provider and Programs Policy was heard motion carries.

Other/Request for Agenda Items: Jeannie called for agenda items and asked that if anyone had items that they would like discussed that they send them to Betty and Shannon.

Clarke stated that he will be conducting an Economic Development 101 work session with the Rocky Ford City Council this evening. Clarke stated that this will begin at 5:30pm at the City Chambers. Clarke invited anyone that would like to attend.

It was decided that the December 16th meeting will be held in Walsenburg Ray Garcia noted that the Community Center is available.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 12:00pm La Junta Civil Rights Training and possibly a testimonial.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Garcia

