

**Monmouth County Workforce Development Board
Minutes of December 6, 2018**

Members Present

Robert Connolly, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Carlesimo, Trustee
Brian Wallace, Trustee
Debra Agresti
John Booth
John Brown
John Ciufu
Drew deGanahl
Paul Dement
Chris Femiano
John Gagliano
Peter Gioacchini
Stephen Hornik
Roseann Isasi
Renee Kurowski
Tim McCorkell
Violeta Peters
Susan Rakoci-Anderson
William Salcedo
Jeff Schwartz
Barry Semple
David Stout

Members Absent

Wyatt Earp
Fran Keane
Lorraine Scheibener
Robert Shimko
John Szeliga
Ben Waldron

Guests

Dorothy Amedu, Long Branch Housing
Lisa Cheng, Rutgers
Sharon Hartman, NJDLWD

Staff Present

Larry Sternbach
Yolanda Taylor
Lucy Rivera
Joan Desmarais

CALL TO ORDER & READING OF PUBLIC MEETING LAW:

- Robert Connolly, Chairman of the WDB, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. at the WDB office in Eatontown, NJ.
- N.J. Provisions of the Public Meeting Law, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and its revisions, were satisfied by publication of a Public Notice in Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger newspapers.

ROLL CALL:

- Attendance was taken with sufficient number of WDB members present to constitute a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Violeta Peters made a motion to approve the September 6, 2018 minutes as written and distributed; John Booth seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Robert Connolly thanked all those in attendance for taking the time from their busy schedules to be present, and asked those present to introduce themselves. The chairman then highlighted recent activity as follows:

- Welcomed the following 3 newly appointed WDB members:
 - Christopher Femiano, Director of Operations –Madison Marquette Real Estate Services
 - Peter Gioacchini, Vice-President-Talent Selection, Solutions and Services – Hackensack Meridian Health

- William Salcedo, Executive Director – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth & Middlesex Counties
- Announced that the Director would be presenting a powerpoint presentation, therefore, in the interest of time, the Chairman requested that the committee reports not be presented, but indicated that the committee reports were emailed to the board members prior to the meeting and they were also included in the meeting folders.
- Noted that as part of the Workforce Development Board certification process, the WDB is mandated by the State Employment and Training Commission (SETC) to do an annual evaluation of the One-Stop programs. The Chairman indicated that prior evaluations consisted of the following:
 - PY'16: The Sector Strategy Approach
 - PY'17: Performance Measure Initiative: "Think Green"
- Because of the funding reductions the WDB is exploring the possibility of becoming a 501c(s). The exploration of a 501c(3) has been identified as the topic for the PY'18 Annual Evaluation as mandated by the SETC. The Chairman would like to establish a separate committee to discuss becoming a 501c(3), therefore he asked if any board members have any experience with a 501c(3) and are interested in participating on the committee, that they email Lucy Rivera.
- Included in the meeting folders there was a copy of a letter that was sent from the WDB Chairman to the Commissioner of Labor supporting the letter that the Garden State Employment and Training Association (GSETA) addressed to the Commissioner of Labor relative to the concerns on the local area performance measures for the WIOA Title I funding Program Years 2018 and 2019. This letter was mailed upon the recommendation of the Oversight, Compliance & Quality Assurance Committee to support GSETA's concerns.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Mr. Sternbach, Executive Director of the WDB made a powerpoint presentation that included the following:
 - Snapshot on unemployment Rates going down from 2017 to 2018
 - Monmouth County – 3.6%
 - New Jersey – 4.1%
 - United States – 3.7%
 - General Updates:
 - NJ created an Office of Apprenticeship – looking at apprenticeships in a non-traditional way (e.g., healthcare, technology), which are part of the sector strategies identified by the Monmouth County WDB. There is \$4.5 MM in grant opportunities, of which the WDB will be applying for.
 - IMPAQ/Maher Education Fund is putting out a \$20K grant opportunity, of which the WDB will be applying for as well.
 - Dashboard indicating the financial funding status for PY'17 and PY'18.
 - Performance Measures Chart indicating the following PY'17 Training Outcomes:
 - Information has been obtained from internal data – State data is unavailable.
 - 337 clients enrolled in training – 225 received credentials – credential goal is 70%, currently at 67%.

- 223 employed – employment goal is 73%, currently at 66%.
- Topic for Discussion:
 - In order to get the WDB more involved, the Chairman requested that a topic be presented for discussion at every board meeting. This meeting included the following topic, which opened the floor for discussion.
 - Article in the Asbury Park Press: “Low Jobless Rates Mask Problems” by the NY Federal Reserve (copy of article was included in the meeting folders).

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- WDB Meeting – March 7, 2019 – 10:00 AM – WDB Office, Eatontown
- Partnership Awards Dinner – April 2019

ADJOURNMENT:

- ***There being no further business to come before the WDB, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM upon a motion from Drew deGanahl. The motion was seconded by Brian Wallace and unanimously approved.***