

Monmouth County Workforce Development Board
INFORMAL SESSION
March 7, 2019

Members Present

Robert Connolly, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Carlesimo, Trustee
Brian Wallace, Trustee
Debra Agresti
John Booth
John Brown
Chris Femiano
Peter Gioacchini
Frances Keane
Tim McCorkell
Violeta Peters
David Stout
Benjamin Waldron

Members Absent

Wyatt Earp
John Ciufio
Paul Dement
John Gagliano
Stephen Hornik
Roseann Isasi
Renee Kurowski
Susan Rakoci-Anderson
William Salcedo
Lorraine Scheibener
Jeffrey Schwartz
Robert Shimko
Barry Semple
John Szeliga

Guests

Jay Mills, NJ Commission for the Blind
Andrea Askie-Rosario, NJ Commission for the Blind
Mignon Glenn, NJ Department of Labor
Alison McMahon, NJ Resources

Staff Present

Larry Sternbach
Yolanda Taylor
Lucy Rivera

Because there was not a quorum, no items were voted on. However, an informal session did take place.

CHAIRMAN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: In opening the session, Rob Connolly, Chairman of the WDB, stated that the session would follow the agenda, but that no items requiring formal action would be acted upon. Mr. Connolly then asked those present to introduce themselves. The chairman then highlighted recent activity as follows:

- Announced that WDB member, Drew deGanahl resigned from the WDB effective January 10, 2019.
- The WDB Networking Event held on February 21st went very well. Thanked Chris Femiano for hosting the event.
- Shared thank you letters received by the Brookdale Foundation and a scholarship recipient for the donations received from the WDB's Scholarship Fund.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Dashboard:
 - PY'18 funding – tracking along well – able to transfer money between Adult and Dislocated Worker
 - Some PY'17 funding left over – can be carried over into PY'18 Adult and Youth
- Grant Opportunities:
 - Announced that the Maher Education grant in the amount of \$20,000 for which the Monmouth County WDB applied for was not awarded to Monmouth County.

- Announced that the WDB had completed a comprehensive RFP to apply for the Pathways to Recovery Opioid Grant, which will provide employment and support to individuals and families who have been impacted by opioid use. Total amount of grant is \$650,000 to serve 100 residents.
- Powerpoint Presentation - detailing the following information:
 - Current unemployment rate for Monmouth County: 2.8%
 - Inflow/Outflow Job Counts in 2015: Monmouth has a net outflow of 51,860 jobs
 - 2019 MODC Business Outlook Survey
 - There was discussion on the industry segments and the key takeaways for the workforce system.
 - The Board recommended that Ben Waldron, Executive Director of the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council present updated Business Outlook Survey data at the June General Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Awards Committee:
 - The Partnership Awards Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 6 to 9 PM at the Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune.
 - The following individuals will be honored:
 - **Business:** Advantage Career Institute Medical & Dental School
 - **Community Service:** Child Care Resources of Monmouth County
 - **Education:** Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County
 - **Economic & Workforce Development:** Madison Marquette
 - **Government:** Monmouth County Division of Social Services
 - **Organized Labor:** Ava Johnson, Monmouth-Ocean Counties AFL-CIO
 - Ticket price is \$75.00 per person
 - Once again there will be opportunities for sponsorships and an ad journal.
 - Violeta Peters, Chairman of the Awards committee recommended that board members consider attending the dinner and to also share the invitation with colleagues.
- Oversight, Compliance & Quality Assurance:
 - Mr. Booth, Chairman of the Oversight, Compliance & Quality Assurance Committee reported that the One-Stop Operator is doing a great job at ensuring that the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are being updated.
- In the interest of time, the WDB Chairman stated that a summary of the all committee reports was emailed to the board prior to the meeting, and it was also included in the meeting folders.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM