

**Monmouth County Workforce Investment Board
Minutes of December 6, 2012**

Members Present

John Gagliano, Chairman	Timothy McCorkell
Wyatt Earp, Vice-Chairman	Tim McMahon
Violeta Peters, Trustee	Bill Phillips
Rachel Aumack	Frank Preston
John Booth	Susan Rakoci-Anderson
John Brown	Linda Roma
Patricia Carlesimo	Jeff Schwartz
John Ciufu	Barry Semple
Drew deGanahl	Linda Silvers
Carolyn Ellington	Benjamin Waldron
Steve Hornik	Brian Wallace
Frances Keane	Kathleen Weir
Pat Koziol	
Karl Lorch	

Staff Present

Eileen Higgins
Dan Passarella
Larry Sternbach
Lucy Rivera

Absent

Ambar Abelar
Rachel Aumack
Robert Connolly
John Genz
Dr. Maureen Murphy
John Shea
John Szeliga, Trustee

Call to Order & Reading of Public Meeting Law:

- John Gagliano, Chairman of the WIB, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
- 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 by Lucy Rivera, and it was noted that sufficient number of WIB members were present to constitute a quorum.

Approval of September 6, 2012 Meeting Minutes:

- Bill Phillips made a motion to approve the September 6, 2012 minutes as written.
- John Booth seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved.

Chairman - Executive Committee Report:

John Gagliano thanked all those in attendance for taking time from their busy schedules to be present, and asked those present to introduce themselves.

The chairman then highlighted recent activity as follows:

- Congratulated newly appointed WIB member, Dr. Maureen Murphy, President of Brookdale Community College for being featured in an article in the Living- The Jersey Shore Magazine.
- Attended the SETC Governance Committee and WIB Director's meeting on Monday, December 3rd – met with Dennis Bone and the SETC on a briefing on the WIB certification process. Have not yet received feedback from the SETC regarding their initial assessment and findings

concerning the individual certification for Monmouth County. Also, SETC staff mentioned that Monmouth County is one of the best WIB's in the state, the State is very pleased with the activity level.

- Monmouth County Division of Workforce Development hosted a Job Fair on September 21st at the Police Academy in Freehold. This was a very successful event with over 100 employers participated and approximately 1400 job seekers in attendance. The Division also hosted a Holiday Job Fair at the Manalapan Library on October 12th.
- The WIB held the Alumni Awards Luncheon on October 16th at the Sheraton. This was a great event and highlighted the success of 21 individuals who went through the programs that the One-Stop partners provide.
- The National Association of Workforce Boards Annual Conference will be held on March 9-12, 2012 in Washington DC. Two staff members and three Board members slots have been reserved and area waiting for County approval.
- Hurricane Sandy Activity – WIB offices were without power for two weeks but staff still worked on securing the NEG Hurricane Sandy Grant – The staff worked closely with LWD in Trenton and with the John Brown, ES Manager at the Neptune One-Stop office.
- Met with Freeholder Arnone and Teri O'Connor, County Administrator after the storm to update them on Sandy activities.

Executive Director's Report:

- As mentioned in the Chairman's Report there were two Job Fairs. The Job Fair that was held on September 21st was very successful, and the Holiday Job Fair that was held on October 12th was a good effort. Looking to tweak it for next year as people are looking for full time jobs. The Division of Workforce Development will be holding two traditional job fairs per year. The next one is due to take place in the Spring.
- The Job Fair Committee will include a Job Seeker has part of its membership.

Hurricane Sandy:

- Commended the Division of Workforce Development staff even though the office had no power for 2 weeks, the staff was stationed in Freehold and Neptune and helped out where ever they were needed.
- The Monmouth County One Stop assisted LWD in the writing of the Hurricane Sandy NEG Grant; within 36 hours of the storm, LWD was awarded the grant, of which Monmouth County was granted \$1,262,861. Grant must be expended by April 29, 2013 and additional funds can be requested by the County if needed.
- The One-Stop established Hurricane Sandy Orientations beginning on November 19th conducting 3 sessions of open house per day. Approximately 400 people were seen in 5 days.

- The focus to connect people with jobs, as of this date, 22 people are working. There are about 100 slots open for laborers. Planning to have an open recruitment for laborers on December 10th through December 13th.
- Those that are not eligible for the Hurricane Sandy NEG are: UI recipients, TANF and GA clients.
- Will be hiring 4 people on for the duration of the NEG grant.

Presentation of PY 12 Budget:

- Eileen stated that the budget will be sent to members via email.

Dashboard:

- Included in the meeting folders was a copy of the Dashboard through November 1st
- Performance measures are good
- Concern with GA/Foodstamps funding still not being obligated
- Very successful in Literacy

Other Business:

- Monmouth County Department of Economic Development will be sending out a survey to see how many businesses in Monmouth County were impacted by Hurricane Sandy.
- Jobs4Jersey – clients are finding it very frustrating to navigate the Jobd4Jersey website. They are not getting responses from employers. These issues need to be addressed. It will be brought to NJDLWD's attention.
- Concern with UI extension – If Congress does not pass an extension many current recipients will be left without income.

There were no committee reports but the following was reported:

Oversight Committee will be meeting on December 13th
 Services to People with Disabilities will be meeting on January 4th
 Business Services will be meeting in early January

Comments from the Public – None

Next Meeting Date: March 7, 2013

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the WIB, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 upon a motion by Steve Hornik, second by Tim McCorkell. Motion was unanimously approved.