Washtenaw County

Workforce Development Board (WDB)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 1st, 2014

Meeting Location: Washtenaw Community College (WCC), Morris Lawrence Building Rm. 101, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI

Members Present: Renee Adjoran, Les Alexander, Sean Duval, Paul Ganz, John Haberthy, Marie Harrell, Mary Kerr, Chris Knapp, Scott Menzel, Charlie Penner, Keith Peters, Wesley Prater, Matt Sandstrom, Conan Smith

Staff Present: Shamar Herron, Rana Al-Igoe, Elke Tucker, Tyne Lucas, Johnny Epps

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1. **Call to Order**
   Mary Kerr called meeting to order at 8:10 am.

2. **Welcome and Introduction**
   Everyone went around and introduced themselves and Kerr welcomed everyone to the meeting. John Haberthy was welcomed and introduced as a new Board Member.

3. **Public Comment**
   None
4. **Consent Agenda Items**
   A. Approval of the Agenda
      Prater moved to approve the agenda, Duval supported. Motion passed.

   B. Approval of 3/7/2014 Meeting Minutes
      Penner moved to approve the meeting minutes, Prater supported. Motion passed.

5. **Report of the Chair**
   A. Matt Sandstrom
      - Gave update about the Advocacy Group meeting with the Board of Commissioners Leadership. Charlie Penner, Mary Kerr, Matt Sandstrom attended the meeting. All stated the meeting was very productive and opened the door for future communications for both groups. The Advocacy Group requested funding to help with Workforce programs.

- Response from the BOC was that they noticed that Work Force had taken deep cuts with funding. The BOC like the Community Venture Program, internship and externship programs.
- From tax revenue the County had over $3 million. Smith stated that there is much more than that from the fund balance and that no allocation of funds to any programs had been determined yet. Smith stated the Advocacy Group needs to ask the correct questions when talking to the BOC in the future.
- Kerr thanked Penner and Sandstrom for attending the meeting.

B. EAG Update – Menzel
- There was no EAG meeting in April. Reaching out to businesses for externships and internships.
- The state wants to have one EAG per region. Al-Igoe stated that this is still in draft but it is optional for Regional based EAG or MWA based EAG.

6. **Report from Workforce Manager** – (Herron)
- Herron started off by giving thanks to Peters and Adjoran. Alexander will participate in externships and been part of the Career Fair at New Tech. On April 29th Herron attend the Regional Prosperity meeting. Lisa Katz from WIN gave Labor Market Information; also, Spark gave presentation. Duval asked who was taking the lead in the Regional Prosperity meeting, Herron stated that Washtenaw Community College (WCC) was leading the first meeting.
- Ganz stated that DTE is offering training (Boot Camp) June 23 – July 25. There are about 30 spots available for training. DTE is looking for Veterans to participate. DTE is looking to replace an aging workforce.
- Herron, Kerr, Duval, Smith went to Lansing to visit Christine Quinn to talk about merger. There is no timeline for merger but some sort of merger is the end goal that the State is looking for. Kalamazoo area is merging. State agreed to give funding to help with Regional Prosperity.
- Prater asked what is the State looking for as a result of Regional Prosperity. Herron said that the Governor's Office has no data projecting out results. Smith said the State is focusing on efficiency on service delivery. MEDC has frustration with Work Force. State is pushing reform so the MEDC and Work Force can work together.
- Herron and Sandstrom went to Lansing for a meeting with State Legislators. At the State Legislative Meeting the 3 topics of interest was Prisoner Re-entry, possible cuts to PATH funding, and Skilled Trade Training Fund.
- Herron gave update of some activities of the Business Service Team. Also the Business Services has been reaching out to other Business Services of Region 9. As of 4/25/2014 Business Services has 348 new contacts, held 79 employer events at the Service Center, created 245 job openings, had 53 OJT's.

7. **Business**

A. PY14 Planning Allocations (Al-Igoe)

B. Contract Extensions

Duval moved to approve contract extension, Alexander supported, Motion Passed

C. State Adjustment Grant Request

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Peters moved to approve State Adjustment Grant Request, Haberthy supported, Motion Passed.

8. <u>Other Business</u>

Prater told everyone to remember to vote May 6th on the AATA mileage.

9. <u>Adjourn</u>

Kerr moved to adjourn the meeting, Duval supported. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

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