

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL
GRANTS COMMITTEE
JUNE 16, 2011, 2:00PM
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
CONFERENCE ROOM 301C
CONFERENCE CALL 317-233-3550**

Attending: Jac Padgett, Randy Holmes, Josh Richardson and Fred Merritt

Also attending: Nancy Manley and Randy Gillespie from Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Bart Brown and Michelle Bowman with Region 9, Jim Heck with Region 11 and Barbara Street and Karen Bailey with Region 6

Conference Calling: Kent Morgan and Cathy Metcalf

Also calling: Valerie Alexander and Mellissa Leaming with Region 6

Absent: Pete Kissinger, Sheriee Ladd and Beth Washington

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jac Padgett at 2:00pm.

SWIC state business is being conducted.

Mr. Padgett rearranged the agenda due to lack of a quorum.

Mr. Bart Brown and Ms. Michelle Bowman presented the progress report for Region 9. A request for \$125,000 was granted for the summer youth program in Region 9. The program has 30 youth participants enrolled to date. \$63,000 of the granted funds has been obligated for work experiences at a cost of \$2100 per work experience. The program will run thru September with a final update in October 2011. The provider of the GED courses withdrew due to funding cuts. The Regional Workforce Board in Region 9 will serve as the fiscal agent on a 10 month plan. Region 9 also received a \$15,000 grant from Decatur County for this program.

Mr. Jim Heck presented the progress report for Region 11. A request for \$50,000 was granted for a layoff aversion at Kimball Electronics in Evansville. On-The-Job training has been provided to 53 Kimball employees. \$7156.24 of the granted funds has been expended. The balance of the funds is expected to be expended by December 31, 2011. The company was impacted by the tsunami in Japan as they get parts from Japan. However, thru the down period Kimball has provided training to ensure no further layoffs.

Region 3 was not present for the meeting. The committee requested Region 3 attends the next meeting on July 28, 2011 to present the grant progress report.

Mr. Padgett noted a quorum is now established.

Mr. Padgett entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 28, 2011. Mr. Holmes motioned to approve, Mr. Merritt seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ms. Barbara Street presented the grant request for \$158,391 in WIA Youth funds for Region 6. The requested funds will allow the region to continue the JAG program for all eligible youth. There are 3 JAG sites in a 9 county region. The region estimates to have a \$147,000 carry in to help fund the program. However the projected carry in funds are obligated already. The region has reduced their expenses by reducing management funds, leaving 2 board positions vacant, the WIB will be taking on the service provider staff and reducing work hours from 40 hours per week to 37.5 hours per week and possible reduction of a JAG coordinator. Mr. Padgett and Mr. Gillespie are not comfortable with funding the request submitted if no carry in is available to help fund the program. If the requested funds are approved, Mr. Padgett requests a commitment to continue operating the JAG program and other youth programs as they currently operate with no changes. If a change were to arise it needs to be brought back to the Grants Committee for review. The requested funds should carry the JAG program thru June 30, 2012 with current projections. Mr. Padgett requests Region 6 take the request and re-evaluate the actual funding need. Region 6 is to re-present the grant request at the next Grants Committee meeting on July 28, 2011.

The next Grants Committee meeting is July 28, 2011 at 10:00am. The next full SWIC meeting is Sept. 8, 2011 at 10:00am.

Mr. Padgett entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Holmes motioned to adjourn, Mr. Morgan seconded the motion and the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.