

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 18, 2011, 10 A.M.
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH, DWD ROOM 301-C
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204**

Present: Paul Perkins, Jac Padgett, Dan Clark, and Derek Redelman

Also Present:

From the Indiana Department of Workforce Development: Commissioner Mark Everson, Dr. Gina DelSanto, Senior Deputy Commissioner for Agency Policy and Education and Training, Jackie Dowd Senior Director of Adult Education, Jeff Gill General Counsel, Nate Klinck Director of Policy and Dennis Wimer Deputy Commissioner of Field Operations.

Absent: Mark Goldman and Bill Stanczykiewicz

Call to Order and Roll:

State Workforce Innovation Council Chair, Paul Perkins, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. and recognized a quorum was present. Members received drafts of the April 21, 2011 meeting minutes for review. Mr. Perkins entertained a motion to approve the minutes, Jac Padgett motioned for approval and Dan Clark seconded the motion, minutes were approved.

Committee Business:

Commissioner Everson introduced Jeff Gill, the new General Counsel for DWD. He began the discussion with an update on the agency stating the new unemployment system would launch in October as they are still running tests to make sure it will run correctly during peak times. He stated that Mr. Gillespie had been traveling to all the regions to discuss spending plans. As the regions revised their local plans Mr. Gillespie was available to assist them in any budget questions they had.

He also stated that Dr. DelSanto will be attending the National Association of State Workforce Agencies conference in September. There are seven resolutions that will be voted on regarding policy issues to be supported by NASWA.

Commissioner Everson then gave a brief update on the Ex-Offender Program. He stated the program would be funded by the Unemployment Insurance board's penalty and interest fund, as well as through the use of On-the-Job-Training funds. The program will be focused on providing reemployment services to 500-600 ex-offenders who are low risk and have served a minimum of two years. These individuals will be identified and referred to the program 90 days prior to release from a state correctional facility. The two primary benefits that will be provided to employers that hire ex-offenders through this program are that these employers will receive a \$2,200 tax break and will be provided with on-the-job training funds where appropriate. This program will be introduced to the full SWIC at the next meeting.

Ms. Dowd gave an update on the recent OVAE (Office of Vocational and Adult Education) visit. The OVAE auditors identified one finding during their visit. Ms. Dowd's team made sure to correct this procedure that was linked to the finding.

Ms. Dowd then began to discuss prior learning assessments offered through the Council on Adult and Experiential Learning. CAEL will assess the need for, and award credit to those students that submit their previous learning portfolio through CAEL. The Education Review Committee will be meeting with Ivy Tech and Vincennes for their take on prior learning assessment, and to determine if using WIA funds to support this program will be cost effective. The ERC will bring this to the full SWIC once they have made a decision.

Mr. Klinck discussed the WIB transition. He reminded the members that the full SWIC only approved the local and regional plans for the first quarter of the program year, and the WIBs and RWBs were to submit revised plans to DWD for review, and then those plans would be brought to the full SWIC for approval. He discussed the format in which they would be presented at the SWIC's September meeting. There will be a summary provided to each SWIC member, as each plan is around 80-90 pages in length. The summary will include DWD's input and any changes from the last submission. These will be presented at the full SWIC meeting.

Dr. DeSanto discussed SWIC members' attendance with the Committee. As a result of poor attendance, a number of SWIC members will be removed from the SWIC, and replaced as necessary.

Adjournment

Mr. Perkins adjourns the meeting at 2pm.