

MINUTES OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2010  
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH  
10 N. SENATE AVENUE – ROOM 301A  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Members present were Joe Evans; Randy Maxwell; Paula Presnoples; Kent Tolliver and Kevin Tully, Vice President. Also in attendance from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development were Mary Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Unemployment; Scott Sanders, Deputy Commissioner System Information and Analysis.

Mrs. Presnoples welcomed guests Dustin Stohler, Attorney and Heather Zurcher, concerned tax payer.

Mrs. Presnoples called the meeting to order at 10:00am and noted there was a quorum.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Mr. Sanders began with the Commissioner's Report in Mr. Everson's absence. He stated he spoke with the Governor's office regarding the open board seats and asked for their help in getting them filled.

Mr. Sanders brought up the Indiana Career Connect website, [www.IndianaCareerConnect.com](http://www.IndianaCareerConnect.com), to the Labor Market data that is available to anyone, no sign in required. Under the Other Resources tab there is a map of job openings that is assigned by county. This map shows that there are currently 51,000 job openings. Indiana is one of the few states that require claimants to sign up on this type of website if they are collecting Unemployment Insurance (UI). This information gives us an idea of how many unemployed Hoosiers on UI are actively looking for employment.

Mr. Sanders directed everyone's attention to the Work Experience pie chart that showed 47.32% of employers require over 10 years experience. He brought up the Education Level pie chart that shows 65% of Hoosiers have no GED or have a High School Diploma. Department of Workforce Development has joined with Adult Basic Education to help this issue.

Mr. Sanders showed the Desired Salary pie chart which shows that people collecting UI are collecting 60% of their gross payroll. This becomes a challenge for employers as these claimants continue to decide to not accept a position if they can earn more on UI.

When comparing this graph to the Job Opening graph we see that employers often require a degree but those on UI don't have one. The suggestion was made to work with Hoosiers to acquire a skills certificate in their area of interest.

Mr. Sanders stated that the UI Oversight Committee will have their first meeting October 13<sup>th</sup>. Once the Agenda is released it will be sent out to all board members along with the link to watch it live.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Presnoples asked if all Board members had reviewed the previous meetings minutes from August 25, 2010. A motion was made by Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## **OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

Mrs. Johnson discussed the claims by type and she directed everyone's attention to the chart. She stated that the dip was from delay of federal extensions. There has been an overall decline as claimants are moving from one tier to another. The large increase is in Extended Benefits (EB), which is the last tier of benefits the claimant can file for. Once they have exhausted EB, their only option is to come into a WorkOne where they can assist with job searches.

Mr. Sanders referred to the Monthly Board Report as he gave an update on the Trust Fund. He also gave an update on the Penalty and Interest Fund.

Mr. Sanders showed the States Borrowing to Pay UI Claims spreadsheet that showed California borrowing \$8 Billion.

Mr. Sanders directed everyone's attention to the resolution status update worksheet. At the next board meeting they will review on what funds can be closed out.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Presnoples asked the members if there were any new business and there was none.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

The next board meeting will be October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Presnoples adjourned the meeting at 10:35am.