

MINUTES OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
10 N. SENATE AVENUE, ROOM 301A
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Members present were Samuel Schlosser, Vice-President; Barry Baer, Dave Thomas, Joe Evans, Randy Maxwell and Kent Tolliver. Tom Hargrove and Kevin Tully were to participate by phone, but due to technical difficulties in the conference room, we were unable to complete the call. It was acknowledged that there was a quorum present. Also in attendance were Andrew Penca, Commissioner; Will McCoskey, Deputy Commissioner Employment Growth; John Ruckelshaus, Deputy Commissioner of Government Affairs; Teresa Voors, Chief Counsel; and Scott Sanders, Chief Financial Officer .

The guests present were Hope Clark, Director of Research and Analysis, and Bev Korobkin, Supervisor of Collections Enforcement Unit.

The meeting was called to order by Sam Schlosser at 10:05 am and he introduced Commissioner Penca.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Penca reported that there is a new county indicator for DWD data through www.Hoosierdata.in.gov using wages, population and community patterns. Some discussion regarding the county data ensued. In addition, the Hoosiers Hot Job List can now be done on a regional level for the top 25 to top 50 depending on the Region.

Commissioner Penca gave an update on the Uplink roll out to the 2 year anniversary of the start of the project taking us from a paper process to an electronic process. Commissioner Penca also reported on the Integration process that has already started in the northern regions. Deputy Commissioner Dale Wengler is out visiting all of the WorkOne Offices around the State giving a presentation on the Integration process and what it means. Deputy Commissioner Wengler is working to make the changes at the service level to make the system work more smoothly.

Mr. Baer questioned the inter-working relationship to Social Service Agencies with DWD. Commissioner Penca explained that it depends on the regional area but we are striving to work as one unit, but it varies across the State.

Mr. Schlosser suggested that when Deputy Commissioner Wengler is in one of the board members areas that they meet up with him in his travels. Commissioner Penca added that he would welcome any board member to go with him or with Deputy Commissioner Ruckelshaus as they travel the State.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Schlosser asked if everyone had reviewed the prior meetings minutes and a motion was made by Mr. Baer to accept the minutes from the August 1, 2007 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved.

Mr. McCoskey reported that there is one board vacancy, and we hope to have it filled by next month's meeting. The last candidate is going through the process with the Governor's office and hopefully will be at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McCoskey reported on UI performance metrics follow-up. The goal is to gain 80% of first payments in 21 days. We are working to get paper filings cleared out and get completely transferred to adjudicators and should be on the new system by mid-September. Then we should be able to pick up timeliness. Mr. McCoskey informed the board that the Adjudication Task Force has been launched this week. The head of the Administrative Law Judges will be leading this group. With a change of communication put into place, we will be working to get the training in line to help with timeliness.

Mr. McCoskey also reported regarding Uplink challenges. 12.5% of claims filing activity is being filed in local WorkOne offices. Most of the people coming into the WorkOne offices do not have computers at home or they need help with the system. More people are filing from home.

Mr. Baer asked if by the December meeting that the Board could be provided with metrics. Mr. Schlosser asked if we could create a type of dashboard with numbers on each area of the agency, not just the unemployment rate.

Mr. Schlosser asked Hope Clark to give her update on the labor market information and unemployment rate at which time Mrs. Clark passed out a hardcopy of her presentation "Employment, Unemployment and Occupational Projections", a copy of which is attached with these minutes. Mrs. Clark went through the presentation and also passed out a new printing of the "Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs" and the Career Guide that they are distributing at the WorkOne Centers and at schools. There was discussion that followed regarding these handouts.

Mr. Sanders gave an update on the Penalty & Interest Fund noting a handout of the Indiana Code, a copy of which is attached. On page 2 under Section 2 Reemployment item (b), which is highlighted, states that the commissioner may allocate an amount not to exceed \$2 million annually from the fund to establish reemployment training accounts. Also under Section 2.5 item (a) on Major Opportunities. Also included is a spreadsheet listing all Special Fund Projects. Mr. Sanders reported that within the next 90 days it will be recommended to deobligate some of these funds. There are 2 projects which are completed and a third where funds are not needed at this time. Mr. Sanders proposes that

\$2.1 million be reverted back into the Penalty & Interest Fund. Mr. Baer made said motion, Mr. Maxwell seconded and it was approved.

Mr. Schlosser moved on to the collections update given by Bev Korobkin. A copy of said update is attached showing there are 21,322 employers with an outstanding balance of \$76 million. Mrs. Voors added that there is a new person in the collections position now and they will be working to collect on this balance and to clear up the estimated numbers.

Mr. Baer asked if when the State Board of Accounts comes if they make any recommendations for write-offs. Mr. Sanders responded that they do not make any recommendation for write-offs. Mrs. Voors will be bringing write-offs and presenting them to the Board.

Mr. Schlosser moved to the election of new officers wherein he reiterated that he was the Vice-President filling in for President, since Brent Schoolcraft stepped down, and a motion had been made at last months meeting to wait until we have a full Board to have the election. Mr. Schlosser asked to wait until next month. There was some discussion and it was agreed to wait. Mrs. Voors asked Cindy George, the Board Clerk, to send out an email to all Board members telling them that the election will be held at next month's meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mr. Schlosser suggested that it be appropriate to do a Resolution for Brent Schoolcraft and it was agreed upon.

Mr. Baer brought up more discussion regarding a Dashboard and Mrs. Voors and Mr. Sanders will be working on this for the Board. Mr. Schlosser asked that the information the Agency already has be used, rather than spending a lot of time creating something new for the Board.

Mr. Baer asked if there were any other items for the Board next month other than the election of new officers. Mr. Sanders reported that he has been working with a group on collections and he may be introducing this to the Board.

The next board meeting will be October 3, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Schlosser opened the floor and asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Thomas moved to adjourn at 11:12 am and said motion was seconded and approved.