

CENTRAL MA. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
Quarterly Board Meeting
January 20, 2011

Chairperson Rosalie Lawless presided

The following members/proxies were present: D. Anderson; T. Bauer; J. Froimson; D. Bono; G. Carberry; J. Dagilis; R. Fernandez-Penaloza; D. Ferrante; S. Gately; D. Hennessy; R. Kennedy; P. LaFleur; K. LaTulippe; P. Morano; L. Parady (for J. Healy); D. Perro; R. Scrivens; T. Stone; D. Wallace; J. Zimatravich; D. DelaGorgendiere; P. Gilbody; T. McGourthy; D. Osborn; D. Post; J. Poteete; P. Soucy; R. Thomas; M. Boone

The following members were not in attendance: J. Anderson; B. Allen; G. Carmark; L. Cooper; J. Hamerly; J. Healy; J. Mello; D. Penta; T. Provost; C. Richard; P. Rogers; A. Sinkewich; J. Anderson; C. Carlson; L. Miller; M. Richman

The following CMREB staff members were present: J. Turgeon; L. Oden; R. Zukowski.; S. Arnold; S. McGauley

Guest(s) present: Dr. Alicia Sasser Modestino (Guest Speaker)

1. CALL TO ORDER, ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM & NOTE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- R. Lawless, CMWIB Chairperson, announced that a quorum was established and called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
- R. Lawless asked if anyone had a Conflict of Interest with any of the agenda items. No Conflicts of Interest were noted.

2. VOTES

- A **MOTION** was made by J. Dagilis and seconded to approve the minutes for the October 21, 2010 meeting as amended with J. Poteete included as present.
VOTED: Unanimous.
- J. Turgeon announced the annual election for CMWIB Chair and opened the call for nominations. D. Perro nominated current chair, R. Lawless for re-election, the nomination was seconded. R. Lawless accepted the nomination for re-election.

A **MOTION** was made by G. Carberry and seconded to approve the nomination of R. Lawless for re-election of CMWIB Chair.

VOTED: Unanimous.

3. COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Career Center/Adult Career Services Committee Update

- D. Perro highlighted the committee's recent activities. The committee is working to develop a strategic plan outlining committee goals and objectives. A new Career Center website is also being developed. D. Perro noted that a request for proposals (RFP) has been issued for the Career Center/CMWIB office space. D. Anderson informed the board that there were 6 bids returned in

response to the RFP; however, of that 6, the 2 lowest bids didn't meet the space requirements spelled out within the RFP, 3 had location issues, and the remainder were not within budget. D. Anderson noted that he and J. Turgeon are now working with the city to put the RFP back out to bid. J. Dagilis suggested looking into the Denholm building when the RFP is re-issued.

B. Youth Council Update:

- S. Gately reported the Youth Council has been working on the JobOne initiative, designed to increase internships, subsidized employment and other efforts to help prepare youth for the world of work. Penta Communications has worked with the Youth Council to design a logo and develop an outreach plan. Efforts are being made to coordinate with the City of Worcester's Youth Opportunities office (focused on Worcester youth) and the JobOne campaign (regional approach) to strengthen and clarify roles.
- The Youth Council is also working to secure funding other than the federal and Commonwealth grants that are currently received.
- **VOTE:** After some discussion of the cuts to summer funding for youth and the Governor's advocacy to continue the support of these programs, a **MOTION** was made by R. Thomas and seconded to draft a letter from the CMWIB to the Governor to encourage support of summer funding despite the recent budget cuts.

ACTION: J. Turgeon was asked to draft the letter from the CMWIB to the Governor and to approach the Worcester City Manager about doing the same.

ACTION: The board asked J. Turgeon to draft a press release introducing the JobOne initiative that would appear in the local media prior to the initiative's start to strengthen community awareness of the program.

C. Cultural Competency Advisory Committee Update:

- J. Turgeon reported that the CCAC was in the development stages with its second meeting immediately following the adjournment of the CMWIB meeting. Frances Manocchio, the committee's volunteer facilitator will be accepting a new job and stepping down in her role as facilitator. The committee will begin the search for her replacement.

4. **PROGRAM & GRANTS UPDATE:**

- L. Oden gave an update on the STEMPower program (please refer to Handouts section "STEMPower.") She highlighted the STEMPower Vision 2015 facilitated by Monster scheduled for February 2, 2011 at WPI. The event will include a half-day of visionary, big-picture thinking regarding grant sustainability.
- R. Zukowski provided a grants update, announcing that the CMWIB is working with Easter Seals Massachusetts, Mass MEP and others to apply for the Central Massachusetts Transition Employment Grant which is due

on Friday, January 28, 2011. J. Turgeon remarked that several other organizations from our region are also applying for this grant and the CMWIB is actively supporting these applications as well. R. Zukowski also directed the board's attention to the "Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund Seeking Applications from Employers for Employee Training Grants" (please refer to Handouts section "Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund Seeking Applications from Employers for Employee Training Grants") stating that WIB staff is available to assist organizations interested in the Workforce Training Fund. All interested parties should contact R. Zukowski at ZukowskiR@worcesterma.gov, or by calling 508-799-1590.

5. **WORKFORCE CENTRAL/WORCESTER SHARKS CAREER FAIR**

- D. Anderson announced Workforce Central's Job Fair on March 4, 2011 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the DCU center (please refer to Handouts section "Job Fair"). R. Lawless asked that all members and their networks consider supporting this career fair. For more information, please contact John McCarthy at JMcCarthy@detma.org, or call 508-373-7604.

6. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

- J. Turgeon reported that the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is up for reauthorization by the republican controlled U.S. House of Representatives. J. Turgeon has been working with WIB staff member, Phil Niddrie to schedule a series of legislative events throughout our region in an attempt to engage a larger number of legislators in a discussion regarding our local economy and workforce development priorities.

7. **LABOR MARKET SKILLS PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION**

- Guest speaker, Dr. Alicia Sasser Modestino, Senior Economist, New England Public Policy Center, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston presented her report "Mismatch in the Labor Market: Measuring the Supply and Demand for Skilled Labor in New England" (please refer to Handouts section "Mismatch in the Labor Market: Measuring the Supply and Demand for Skilled Labor in New England") followed by a lively and informative question and answer session.

ACTION: J. Turgeon will email out an electronic version of the report with Dr. Modestino's contact information for all those interested in contacting Dr. Modestino. The report will also be posted on the CMWIB website (see Full Board Meeting Information and Notices page).

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- There was no other business to discuss.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sean McGauley
*Communications, Operations and
Administrative Specialist*

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