

Worcester Jobs Fund Oversight Committee

March 14, 2018

10:00am

IBEW, 242 Mill Street, Worcester, MA 01602

Meeting Minutes

WJF Oversight Committee Attendance: David Minasian, Jeffrey Turgeon, Frank Kartheiser, Thomas Maloney, & Karen King.

WJF Program Director: Kelsey Lamoureux

- The meeting was called to order after a quorum was established.

Welcome and Introductions

- All attendees introduced themselves, their positions and their organizations.

Approval of February 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

- The meeting minutes from February 14, 2018 at 242 Mill Street were reviewed and unanimously accepted via a motion by F. Kartheiser and a second by K. King.

Potential TIF Project Discussion:

- K. Lamoureux and K. Pelletier provided a summary of a recent meeting held with a representative from the Economic Development Office in regards to developing a job training project aligned with the needs of a potential TIF project recipient.

WJF Financial Update:

- K. Lamoureux presented financial updates on the Worcester Jobs Fund and Washington Square funding as well as updates on the overall FY 18 budget. K. Lamoureux noted that recruiting qualified and suitable candidates for job training is becoming increasingly more difficult. K. King communicated that this is a challenge multiple service providers are encountering in the area.

WJF Director Report with Program Updates:

- K. Lamoureux provided updates on current participants in CDL, EKG & Phlebotomy, Contact Center, and Worcester Building Pathways trainings. K. Lamoureux highlighted that a graduate from the 2nd cycle of Worcester Building Pathways has recently begun working as a carpentry apprentice for Local 336 and a graduate from CDL B training is now working at Ken's Foods. K. Lamoureux provided a detailed racial and gender breakdown for all Jobs Fund training programs as requested in the February meeting.

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Discussion of Future Projects:

- K. Lamoureux summarized the application for the Eastern Bank Grant submitted in partnership with Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. to create a series of informational sessions designed to direct more women towards building trades apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs.

Discussion of FY 19 Budget:

- K. Lamoureux provided an estimated cost and timeline to repeat offerings of FY 18 trainings in FY 19. Additionally, a list of possible new trainings to explore was provided, such as manufacturing, bio-manufacturing, and information technology. K. King suggested medical records as career pathway to explore as well.

Other Items:

- F. Kartheiser discussed the importance of supporting a disparity study for the City of Worcester in regards to the construction industry to analyze demographic representation and equity distribution among construction workers. D. Minasian provided a description of the role and effect of similar disparity studies in Springfield and Boston, Massachusetts.
- K. Pelletier noted that the Jobs Fund will be highlighted as the focus of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce's Radio Show on April 4th and offered to make time in the program for members of the Oversight Committee to call into the show.

Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn was made by J. Turgeon, was seconded by K. King, and was unanimously approved.

The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday April 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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