

**Workforce Investment Full Board Meeting**

**January 25, 2011**

**Radisson Hotel**

**Committee Members Present:**

Amy Turner, Angela Ramp, Burt Danovitz, David Mathis, Delores Caruso, Barbara Schram, Fred Monaco, John Tracy, Mary Pratt, Patrick Costello, Mary Pratt, Robin O'Brien, Wilber Allen, Terri Humphries, Michael Fitzgerald, Gary Scalzo, Alice Savino

**Call to Order:**

Gary Scalzo called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

**Consent Agenda:**

Executive Committee Meeting minutes from October 27, 2010: Approved.....P. Costello / W. Allen

Financial Report for November 2010: Approved.....Mark Feane/J. Tracy

**Welcome of New Board Member-**

Angela Ramp- Branch Manager of Adecco USA (employment services)-Angela participates in area committee events; she is locally involved and gives back to the community. She hopes to make great contributions and assist wherever she can while serving as a member of the Board.

**Guest Speaker-Mark Barbano, NYS Department of Labor Research & Statistics Analyst-**

Mark explained the ups and downs of unemployment rates from December 2009-December 2010 in the Metropolitan areas of the State, and where we stand percent wise from everyone else in the region. Also, a handout was distributed of Long Term Occupational Projections for the MV region and statewide; these jobs are measured by industry trends and shows what jobs are expected to climb over a 10 year period (2008-2018).

**Update on Utica Working Solutions Center- Delores Caruso-**

The Working Solutions Centers 40 + employees formally moved in on December 27, 2010, the new office spaces are nicely decorated, open and airy, with lots of conference rooms. The Grand Opening has been delayed at this time for transitioning reasons, but as soon as a date is set, everyone will be invited.

**Audit-John Tracy** Approved.....W. Allen/J. Tracy

On December 12, 2010 Gruver, Zwiefel, and Scott, LLP, presented their audit results for the WIB of Herkimer, Madison , and Oneida Counties, for the year ended June 30, 2010. There were no findings and no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. All board members were invited to attend and should have received the draft and final report. If you need a copy contact Alice.

**Conflict of Interest Forms**

A list of board members who signed their conflict of interest forms was distributed. To make sure the board is in compliance with our by-laws, we ask each board member to complete and sign a Conflict of Interest Form. If you have not signed the form yet, there will be a blank copy in your binder, please sign and give to Tanya.

### **OJT, Healthcare Pipeline and Cyber Security Grant Report- Alice Savino-**

These grants are in the beginning stages and have a lot of funding available; There is OJT funding available for 90% of wages for an employee in a company of 50 or less, this is a national emergency grant, the monies passes through the state to the employer, this monies depends on the skill level that the employee is training for, and who has been unemployed for 6 weeks. There is also Wage Subsidy funding for those that are difficult to place. The Healthcare career Pipeline grant also has funding available, this grant helps people climb the ladder in education for better employment opportunities Ex; LPN to RN to Bachelor's RN. The WIB has also partnered with the Cyber Security grant that MVCC has received; this grant provides free computer training (basics to networking) to anyone who is interested. The training is federally funded so there is no cost, no income eligibility or skills assessments. It is also for non-profits and for profit private sector businesses, the classes are being held at Morrisville College, HCCC, MVCC, and Utica School of Commerce which it makes it convenient for employees.

Alice would like some volunteers to sit on an ad hoc evaluation committee to look at how the 3 grants have been setup and give ideas on how to expand outreach to people in the community. If you would like to volunteer or know someone that would please contact Alice.

### **Coalition for Economic Justice-Amy Turner-**

The Coalition for Economic Justice partnered with the WIB a couple of years ago as a result of some providers who are concerned about families and the increasing poverty rates in the Mohawk Valley. This year they are launching "The Economic Justice Institute 2011" on **May 20, 2011 @ MVCC- Utica campus 9:00-200 P.M.** There will be a series of events culminating up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual poverty symposium and will be based around the book "Bridges out of Poverty". There are national speakers scheduled to talk about the issues of poverty, increase awareness, and try to dispel some myths about poverty. On **February 15, 2011 @ MVCAA, 9882 River Road,9-11 or 1-3; Roann Destito ( NYS Assembly ), and Randy Vanwagoner (MVCC President)** will host a 2 hour overview session; this meeting will talk about the Economic Justice Institute 2011, what's involved, events that are being planned and to garner support for the Institute. Alice will e-mail out the invitations for the February 15 meeting to Board Members as soon as it's completed.

To learn more about The Coalition's programs and trainings please contact Amy Turner 624-9330

**Other Business-**

Pat Costello (NYS Workforce Board Member) gave an update on a new program "Skills2Compete" This program is just getting to NYS, it's a work preparedness program, with the mission to identify careers to training, develop partnerships and pathways to jobs, subjects that are similar to what's being done here now and in the future. Pat also sits on the Skills2Compete advisory committee.

Alice would like to add Pat Costello to the next Full Board meeting agenda so that he can give updates from the NYS Workforce State Board meetings.

**Next full Board Meeting is April 26, 2011 @8:39 AM., location *to be announced*.**

***There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.....A. Turner/J. Tracey***