

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
June 8, 2011
Executive Committee Meeting
CONMED
8:00 AM**

Committee Members Present:

Gary Scalzo, Phil Williams, Robin O'Brien, John Tracy, Beth Bowers, Wilber Allen

Guest:

David Mathis

Staff:

Alice Savino, Tanya Davis

Call to Order:

Gary Scalzo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2011 and Financial Report for April 2011 M/S Wilber/John.....Approved

Funding Status-

The allocation for the 3 counties (H-M-O) has been received from the State; with a 12% cut which amounts to \$271,292 less than last year of WIA money. The Counties are putting together budgets and plans, and there probably be some layoffs for all 3

counties. The WIB lost the PWI (Partners with Industries) grant which brought in about \$600,000 into our area. The four employees that are working with the PWI grant will be laid off by September 30, 2011, unless other opportunities come along to keep them employed. Also, the loss of this grant will greatly impact the clients who are individuals with disabilities (about 100 per year) this grant helped them transition from school to work working with AccessVR, HTC, RCIL, ARC, etc. The PWI grant also provided some services that these businesses could not. There have been a lot of grant applications being applied for, at least 1 per week, but the grants that are coming in is targeting training for Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, and Technology but none specifically targeting disabled individuals.

The EPA came to the WIB and reviewed the Brownfield's grant; this grant helps individuals in a 12 week program get 7 different certificates (Hazmat, Asbestos removal, CPR, First Aid, etc). The participants in this program have been very successful in obtaining jobs when completed. The EPA was very pleased with the Brownfield's Grant program outcome and suggested two other funding sources the WIB can apply for to expand on this program.

Summer Youth Update- M/S John/Wilber.....Approved

The Youth Council had a meeting on June 1, 2011 at the Madison-Oneida BOCES. There was good attendance from all 3 counties at the meeting. 415 Youth will have summer jobs between all 3 counties, it will be less than last year, but very pleased with this outcome because of the funding cuts. Herkimer County will have 25-30 worksites with 60 summer youth. They had no sub-contracts this year or last year, they do their own.

Other Business-

Alice would like to have a member from the Young Scholars program speak at one of the Full Board meetings.

According to the NYSDOL statistics there are 5,000 youth between the ages of 16-24 who are not in school or at work in the Oneida and Herkimer counties area. Some of the Executive Committee Board members discussed their concerns of these youth.

Explore further the consolidation of WIB's

**Kevin Price, Executive Director of Chenango, Delaware, Otsego WIB is retiring and leaves on June 17, 2011. Kevin has a Full Board meeting this morning and will ask the Board to hire someone as an interim Director part-time, and leave their #2 person in charge of the day to day tasks, they will explore the options for consolidation, if they choose not to consolidate, they would like the interim Director to search and hire someone to take Kevin's position. There is an internal candidate they would like to hire and would prefer someone from the outside to interview them and make a decision. Alice and Kevin have talked and there is no firm proposal and no discussion about money, but they would like to know if this happens what it will cost. Alice spoke with Karen Coleman, Deputy Director of the NYSDOL who is excited about the possibilities of the consolidation, and if so, the State will provide any resources for a facilitator to come and facilitate the process, someone with experience with these discussions. The process will take about 1 year to come together. Governor Cuomo is determined to have less WIBS and there are discussions going on now in the North Country between St. Lawrence County and Jefferson –Lewis County whether they will merge or not.
M/S Phil/Beth.....Approved**

Next Executive Committee Meeting July 13, 2011 at 8:00 AM., Con Med., Next Full Board meeting is July 26, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. @ the RCIL Smith Advocacy Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 A.M.