

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD  
July 27, 2010  
Full Board Meeting  
Radisson  
8:30 AM**

**Committee Members Present:**

**Amy Turner, Burt Danovitz, Delores Caruso, David Mathis, Erivn Fuller, Gary Scalzo, John Tracy, Wilber Allen, Karin Zipko, Mark Feane, P. Michael Calogero, Michael Choquette, Patrick Costello, Phillip Williams, Taras Herbowy, Lorraine Schmidtka, Shawna Papale, Terri Humphries, Amy Barsha,**

**Staff:**

**Alice Savino, Tanya Davis**

**Call to Order:**

**Gary Scalzo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m...**

**Consent Agenda:**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2010,  
Approved..... M/S Amy Turner/Phil Williams**

**Financial Report for May, 2010  
Approved.....M/S Wilber Allen/Mark Feane**

**Guest speaker- Mark Barbano**

**Mark Barbano, Labor Market Analyst for Mohawk Valley, NYS DOL, Herkimer, Madison and Oneida County, discussed the recession we are in now and how it is affecting the H-M-O area. He also gave a presentation of how they determine the unemployment statistics of the H-M-O area through monthly statistics, and comparing quarterly reports them from year to year.**

### **Summer Programs with Reduced Spending- Lorraine Schmidtka**

The state budget has crippled the TANF funding. In 2009 the State sent out \$35,000,000 in TANF funds. This year after July 1, 2010 there was only \$15,000,000 across the state. This has forced some real hard choices in the 3 county areas; fortunately we assumed we were going to receive some type of funding so planning was done early soliciting for work sites. It was easier to take the programs down if less money was received than it would to build it up at the last minute; this helped us get ahead of some local areas. A meeting with the Madison County Commissioner of D.S.S prioritized foster care, food stamp, and children from public assistance families, for all 3 counties. It's a loss of 55% percent of the funds. There will be close to 400 youth under the TANF program for 2010, this is close to 2009. This was done by to cutting out educational activities, reducing the number of hours worked, also Madison County cut transportation services. Last year under the ARRA stimulus for summer only projects, over \$1,000,000 was received, this helped put an additional 700 youth to work, infused with a lot of educational components, this year there was no monies from ARRA stimulus, and no enrollments.

### **New Rome Location-Terri Humphries**

The Working Solutions has a new office in Rome, at 300 Dominick Street, Suite 1. The new office has room for 10 staff including a new Senior D.O.L, L.S.R Sue Heintz; there will also be 2 more D.O.L staff added after their training. The partners there are RCIL, VESID, WIB, D.O.L, and Work Force Development. The move from the EDGE office was at the end of May, it was up and running the first week of June and within the first week the numbers have doubled and are still rising. One of the major changes and developments are to bring unemployment Insurance services back to Rome, calling people in and introducing them to Working Solutions services in group settings, and one on one appointment programs, these services haven't happened in Rome since the move to the college in 2003. Terri is working in Rome as the One Stop Manager.

### **NEG Grant-Karin Zipko**

John Seoul, the Financial over Site Representative from the State informed the Herkimer-Madison-Oneida Counties that they could apply for the National Emergency Grant Formula Fund Replenishment which is funded with ARRA money. This grant provides the state with additional funding to provide workers with access to dislocated worker services (training, counseling and skills assessment). On June 30, 2010 the DOL announced that out of 33 Workforce Investment Areas in NYS we were one of the 10 to be awarded the grant of \$160,711 as requested. This is for the whole H-M-O area; Herkimer County will get approximately \$35,000.

### **LEAD Outreach Project-David Mathis**

Working in conjunction with the Oneida County Health Department, M.V.C.C, and M.H.A and utilizing their new training facility on Third Avenue in Utica, some summer youth and Youth Build participants will be working with the Health Dept. distributing 7000 pieces of literature concerning the issue Lead Poisoning. The Cornhill sections of Utica, parts of East and West Utica, have quite a few of older buildings with lead that was used in the 1930's-1960. The information is for the parents concerning this important issue so that can seek medical attention for their children. The county has been pushing this for the last couple of years and started some training for contractors at the new facilities. However, this information in the hands of parents is critical; packets will be distributed by the summer youth who have been educated about the complications of lead in children

### **Board Training Opportunities-Alice Savino**

Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the Community Foundation, and United Way are offering an 8 month Leadership Board Training Course. This course is held 1 time a month for 8 months beginning in September 2010, if anyone is interested in attending; please contact Alice Savino so that she can put in the application. The application has to be submitted by August 20, 2010. Alice will send the email out to everyone on the Full Board.

### **Other Business**

#### **Meeting Schedule:**

Next full board meeting is October 26, 2010 @ 8:30 AM at the Radisson. Other board meetings for this program year are: January 25, 2011 and April 26, 2011. Meetings will be held at 8:30 AM at the Radisson.

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.*