Occupational Forecasting Conference  
Tuesday, April 20, 2010  
1:30 p.m.  
Governor’s Press Room  
4th Floor State Capitol  

OFC Members in Attendance:  
Tia Edwards  
Karen Zoeller  
Louis Reine  
Dr. Yu Hsing  
Kathy Bobbs designee for Edward Rispone  
Jason R. El Koubi, designee for Stephen Moret  

OFC Members Absent:  
Camille Conaway  
James Henderson  
Dr. Dave Norris  

Guest in Attendance:  
Curt Eysink, Executive Director, LWC  
Raj Jindal, LWC  
Patricia Lopez-Granier, LWC  
Jim Owens, DOE  
Alana Madison, House Labor  
Kim Barnette, DPS&c  
Lynn Dia-Button, LWC  
Tara Lachney, LWC  
Miss Grimmett, LWIA-Region IV  
Stephen Barnes, LSU  
Dek Terrell, LSU  
Lisa S. Vosper, BOR  
Fredell Butler, LWC  

Occupational Forecasting Conference meeting was called to order by Kathy Bobbs, Health Care Representative on the WIC Council filling in for Edward Rispone.

I. Industry Based Certification Coordinating Council  
   A. Introduction of IBC Coordinating Committee Members that are present  

Members of the Industry Based Certifications Coordinating Committee were introduced to the OFC. Members present were: Dr. Lisa Vosper, Board of Regents; Kim Barnette, Department of Public Safety and Correction and Dr. Jim Owens from the Department of Education.  

B. Review of IBC Coordinating Committee’s purpose and connection to OFC  

Dr. Lisa Vosper explained the purpose of the IBC Coordinating Committee, which is to evaluate, assess, and certify industry credentials to be included in the state IBC focus list.  

Industry Based Certifications by definition is a credential that is usually issued by an industry or industry group that verify that an individual has met a particular skills standards that is verified and established by that industry as minimal requirements for success in a given occupation area or a workforce focus area. The significance of the IBC Focus List is areas of focus that are in demand and are attached to high wage based on what comes out of this Occupational Forecasting Conference.  

II. Present Data Collected from LWC Regional Meetings  
   A. Summary of updated industry numbers  
      Dr. Stephen Barnes, LSU  

Dr. Stephen Barnes provided an update on the status of 2018 Occupational Forecast with an overview of data collection activities remaining work to be done to complete the forecast.
The process starts with creating statistical models using Micro Matrix software at the Workforce Commission. The forecasts are created for each industry in each region which results in 846 regional industry forecasts.

- Baseline statistical model using the MicroMatrix software and historical data (846 regional industry forecasts)
- Review statistical industry forecasts
  - Economic causes of trends
  - Contact Louisiana driver firms and incorporate their comments
  - Incorporate economic development projects and major announcements as of 4/12/2010
  - Input from Regional Business Meetings
- Move from industries to occupation using staffing patterns
- Review occupational forecasts

The feedback was as follows:

- 97 industry forecasts with positive feedback
- 31 recommended changes to industry forecasts
- 12 changes were made to industry forecasts
- 33 new contacts this year with 13 from regional business meetings

The Summary for the 2018 Employment Industry Forecast:

- Recommended changes raise statewide employment growth forecast for 0.6% annually to 0.8%.
- This compares to annual growth rates of
  1. 1.0% nationally for 2008-2018
  2. 1.1% statewide for 14994-2004
  3. 1.7 statewide for 2006-2016

2. Staffing patterns
   Patricia Lopez-Granier, LWC

Patricia Lopez-Granier went over the process for projecting staffing patterns. The staffing data comes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Wage Survey that’s conducted all across the state. The staffing patterns that are unique to Louisiana and to its regions will reflect how many people and what occupations are within each industry.

III. Discuss timeline for completion of 2018 Occupational Forecast

The next report will be at the meeting on May 18th. The location will be sent out at a later date. The goal is to have the projections finalized so it could be presented and finalized before June 29th meeting.

Tia Edwards made a motion to approve the Industry Projections it was second and approved with no opposition.

Meeting Adjourned.