

Louisiana Workforce Investment Council
Tuesday, June 30, 2009
10:00 A.M.
Lod Cook Alumni Center
Louisiana State University

Members of the Council Present:

Art Farve
C.A. "Buck" Vandersteen
Camille Conaway
Charles Moniotte
Clarence Fields
Craig Roussel
Donald Denese
Dr. James Bulot
Dr. Randy Moffett, *designee* for Sally Clausen
Eddie Rispone
Ginger Laurent
Jacqueline Beauchamp
Jim Henderson
Jimmy LeBlanc
Jim Urdiales

Jorge Tarajano
Julie Cherry
Katrina Thomas
Kathy Bobbs
Keith Brand
Louis Reine
Mike Mitternacht
Mike Palamone
Mike Goff, *designee* for Rick Gremillion
Robert Huckleba
Terry Baugh
Tim Barfield
Tom O'Neal

Members of the Council Absent:

Don Trahan
Janet Durden
Keith Myers
Kristy Nichols
Madhu Beriwal

Rep. Avon Honey
Rep. Cameron Henry
Richard Noles
Sen. Neil Riser
Stephen Moret

LWC Staff Present:

Benny Soulier
Beverly Joseph
Cathy Breaux
Cynthia Douglas
Dee Bolden
Dino Demarte
Don Howard
Elaine Morace
Fredell Butler
Glenn Dugas
Greg Declouet
Howard Sanders
Jason Parks
Johnny Riley

Kelly Ebey
Kevin Joyce
Melissa Kirsch
Mike Garvey
Lynn Dias-Button
Patricia Lopez-Granier
Raj Jindal
Robert Roux
Rosalyn Cousin
Tara Lachney
Tia Edwards

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The minutes were approved for April 21, 2009 meeting with corrections. Correction- (WIC member Terry Baugh was present at the meeting). The minutes for the May 28, 2009 meeting were approved by the WIC with no opposition.

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council (WIC) was brought to order by Chairman Edward Rispono. WIC members introduced themselves stating their industry or stakeholder affiliation.

WIB Presentation Overview

Howard Sanders- Director of Office of Workforce Development, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the WIBs' funding source, One Stop Operations and offered WIC members to visit the career centers to see the day-to-day operation.

Fredell Butler- Manager of Field Services, explained the WorkKeys Assessment System. WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring real world skills employers believe are critical to job success. These skills are valuable for any occupation, skilled or professional and at any level of education. WorkKeys Assessments measure the current skills of individuals in four key areas: Communication, Problem Solving, Interpersonal Skills and Personal Skills. WorkKeys is being used by all WIBs statewide.

Kathy Breaux-Deputy Director of Customized Workforce Services, announced a job fair held at Hemingbough in St. Francisville, La for Tembec employees who were previously laid off at the paper mill. Employees were contacted for interviews and possible re-employment.

Dr. Randy Moffitt- Department of Education, gave a historical overview of the two year and four year colleges and their admission standards.

Action Items:

Drs. Dek Terrell and Loren Scott- LSU, gave an update on the *Occupational Forecasting Conference Projections for 2006-2016*. The Occupational Forecasting Conference is established to project job growth and to develop this information with respect to the statewide and regional workforce needs of current, new and emerging industries as deemed necessary for both regional and state workforce development system planning processes. The Occupational Forecasting Conference determines the official information that is critical in the planning and budgeting of the state's resources as they relate to workforce development. The Occupational Forecasting Conference Report of Industry and Occupational Projections for 2006-2016 were approved by the WIC with no opposition.

Raj Jindal-Director of Information Technology, gave an overview on the *PY'09 Workforce Information Grant and the PY'08 Annual Performance Report*. The Workforce Information grant application funds among other things, the state occupational projections which requires the signature of either the Governor or the signatures of the State Workforce Agency Administrator and the State Workforce Investment Board Chairperson. Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 30-08 dated June 12, 2009 announces the grant application process mandates state certification of grant deliverables.

States are required to submit an annual performance report, signed by the governor or both the State Workforce Administrator (SWA) and the State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) which concisely summarizes accomplishments and the results of customer consultations about existing and needed workforce information products and services. This report is intended to serve as accountability, management, and analysis tool for states and ETA, and as a source for promising practices and exemplary products. The PY'09 Workforce Information Grant and the PY'08 Annual Performance Report was approved by the WIC with no opposition.

Chairman Rispono outlined the items to be discussed at the next meeting:

- SSA Consulting on contract with Louisiana Workforce Commission through ULL will facilitate next meeting with guidance on strategic planning
- How vacancies on the local WIBs will be addressed and the categories of the vacancies
- Update on WIBs Strategic Plan-Benchmarks

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.