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Bobby Jindal, Governor
Edward Rispone, Chairman

Workforce Investment Council

Louisiana Workforce Investment Council
Tuesday, August 18, 2009
1:00-3:00 PM
Capitol Park Welcome Center
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Members of the Council Present:

Art Farve	John Young
Curt Eysink	Julie Cherry
C.A. "Buck" Vandersteen	Kathy Bobbs
Charles Moniotte	Keith Brand
Clarence Fields	Garry Warren, <i>designee</i> for Louis Reine
Don Trahan	Mike Mitternacht
Donald Denese	Mike Palamone
Dr. Joe May	Richard Noles
Dr. Mike Gargano, <i>designee</i> for Sally Clausen	Robert Huckeba
Eddie Rispone	Terry Baugh
Ginger Laurent	Tim Barfield
Jacqueline Beauchamp	Thomas O'Neal
Janet Durden	Stephen Moret
Jim Urdiales	

Members of the Council Absent:

Craig Roussel	Rep. Avon Honey
Katrina Thomas	Rep. Cameron Henry
Keith Myers	Rick Gremillion
Kristy Nichols	Sen. Neil Riser
Jimmy LeBlanc	Madhu Beriwal
Jorge Tarajano	Dr. James Bulot

LWC Staff Present:

Benny Soulier	Patricia Lopez-Granier
Beverly Joseph	Raj Jindal
Cathy Breaux	Robert Roux
Cynthia Douglas	Rosalyn Cousin
Fredell Butler	Tia Edwards
Johnny Riley	

Louisiana Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB) Present:

LWIB 10, LWIB 11, LWIB 12, LWIB 20, LWIB 21, LWIB 40, LWIB 41, LWIB 50,
LWIB 51, LWIB 60, LWIB 61, LWIB 70, LWIB 71, LWIB 81, LWIB 83

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the June 30, 2009 meeting were approved by the WIC with no opposition.

Discussion for Strategic Planning Retreat- Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants

The Retreat is scheduled for September 16, 2009 from 9:30am-4:00pm at the Capitol Park Welcome Center, Baton Rouge, LA. Mr. Gomez gave a summary of the WIC member interviews, WIC progress to date, gaining an understanding of workforce development and roles and responsibilities of all relevant stakeholders according to Act 743.

Workforce Related Funding and Louisiana Workforce Commission-L.J. Schmitt, State Budget Manger-Division of Administration and Benny Soulier, Chief Financial Officer-LWC

Mr. Schmitt presented the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 as it is related to workforce development programs. The total funding information collected by the Office of Planning and Budget was \$897,977,630. The funding breakdown given was reported by various state agencies. Mr. Soulier discussed the Workforce Commission recurring funds which total \$118,759,726, and one-time revenue totaling \$85,895,488. The total Workforce Commission funding for fiscal year 2009-2010 is \$204,655,214.

Action Item – Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) State Plan

Teresa Milner, Department of Social Services-LRS, gave an overview of the LRS State Plan. Title I, Section 101 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, requires that all state agencies administering a vocational rehabilitation program submit a State Plan annually detailing how funds received from the federal government will be utilized to meet the requirements of the Act. The sections submitted for review by the Workforce Investment Council are the sections of the State Plan that have changes included and need to be submitted as the 2010 State Plan Update for federal approval by the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

The Louisiana Rehabilitation Services' 2010 State Plan was approved by the WIC with no opposition.

The 2009-2010 Occupational Forecasting Conference and Workforce Investment Counsel meeting schedule was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.