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Bobby Jindal, Governor
Edward Rispone, Chairman

Workforce Investment Council

Louisiana Workforce Investment Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2009
1:00 PM
Capitol Park Welcome Center
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Members of the Council Present:

Terry Baugh
Jackie Beauchamp
Karen Zoeller, *designee for* Kathy Bobbs
Julie Cherry
Donald Denese
Curt Eysink
Art Farve
Clarence Fields
Whalen Gibbs, *designee for* Jimmy Leblanc
Dr. Monty Sullivan, *designee for* Joe May
Charles Moniotte

Jason El Koubi, *designee for* Stephen Moret
Richard Noles
Mike Palamone
Louis Reine
Edward Rispone
J.R. Barber, *designee for* Craig Roussel
Jorge Tarajano
Don Trahan
Jim Urdiales
C.A. Vandersteen
John Young

Members of the Council Absent:

Tim Barfield
Madhu Beriwal
Keith Brand
James Bulot
Janet Durden
Rick Gremillion
Cameron Henry
Avon Henry

Robert "Wayne" Huckeba
Ginger Laurent
Mike Mitternight
Keith Myers
Kristy Nichols
Thomas O'Neal
Katrina Thomas

LWC Staff Present:

Gloria Abels
Fredell Butler
Dianna Collins
Cynthia Douglas
Glenn Dugas
Tia Edwards
Beverly Joseph
Jason Parks

Others Present:

Kerry Laster-Department of Education
Debbie Schum-Department of Education
Sharon Southall- Board of Regents
Will Minton-BRAC
Alana Madison-House Labor Committee

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Workforce Investment Council was called to order by Edward Risponse, Chairman of the WIC. Mr. Risponse welcomed the council and asked them to state their name and stakeholder affiliation.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the September 16, 2009 meeting were reviewed by the members and approved with no opposition.

Department of Education Updates

Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education

Dr. Clausen did an overview of the university systems and how they are funded. The Board of Regents (BOR) is responsible for the budget and recommending it to the legislature. Governor Bobby Jindal early on requested Higher Education to be results driven. Louisiana's new statewide Master Plan for Postsecondary Education places a high priority on producing more certificates, associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees to improve the lives of its citizens and increase the economic competitiveness of the state in a knowledge-based economy. Higher Education is committed to improving Louisiana's economic competitiveness through innovations, expanded research, commercialization, and technology transfer.

The higher education community is fully committed to the direction and goals for the plan and fully aligned in support of the state's goals to demonstrate accountability, productivity and aligning funding strategies with policies and regulations to promote the goals of the Master Plan. Therefore, higher education supports the new Master Plan for Postsecondary Education and a performance-based funding formula that:

- Rewards results not just enrollment incentives to increase degrees, certificates, workforce development and external research
- Captures the estimated cost of educating students' major or discipline and progression
- Stimulates return on investment with 10,000 additional degrees and certificates by 2015
- Focuses on "What can be" instead of "What is"- Institutions meet state needs instead of state meeting institutions' needs

Debbie Schum, High School Redesign Director, Department of Education

Acts 246 and 298 of the 2009 Legislative Session created the standard high school diploma called the career diploma. The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) established the entrance requirements and curriculum requirements for the career diploma. English and Math remediation courses will count as an elective credit. A science course from the physical science courses will be required. Financial Math and Senior Applications in English would not be required, but can be optional. The Department of Education is currently working with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) to make sure the courses are challenging. Students may switch diploma pathways annually, prior to the beginning of the school year specifically switching from the College and Career Diploma Pathway to the Career Diploma Pathway or vice versa. Students must meet the behavior requirements contained in the local district Pupil Progression Plan.

Ms. Schum did an overview of the American Diploma Project Network Agenda which: Aligns high school standards with the demands of college and careers; requires students to take a college and career ready curriculum to earn a high school diploma; builds college and career ready measures into statewide high school assessment systems; and develops reporting and accountability systems that promote college and career readiness.

Action Item- Statement to the Postsecondary Educational Review Commission

Christel Slaughter, SSA Consultants

It was suggested that Jacqueline Beauchamp, WIC Vice Chairman represent the council at the next Postsecondary Educational Review Commission (PERC) meeting. The Workforce Investment Council staff will contact the PERC to get the meeting date. Several suggestions and edits were highlighted in the document and presented to the council. It was motioned and approved that changes and/or edits be made to the PERC statement as needed. However, final passage of the statement did not occur due to the inability of maintaining a quorum. The vote was postponed until the next WIC meeting on November 10, 2009.

Workforce Investment Council Strategic Plan, 1st Draft

Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants

Notes were gathered from the WIC Planning Section in September which list the five strategic goals with accompanying benchmarks and recommended implementation strategies as required by ACT 743:

- Increase the high school graduation rate
- Increase the university graduation rate
- Align Postsecondary Resources with Workforce needs
- Develop a comprehensive (demand) system that credibly forecasts and effectively communicates workforce demand, and identifies priority workforce education and training needs
- Implement a comprehensive accountability system for workforce development results

Mr. Gomez met with Don Trahan, Joe May and Sally Clausen and was provided initial feedback on the strategic plan. Members were asked to give comments and suggestions via email to discuss at the next WIC meeting on November 10, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.