

**State Workforce Innovation Council  
Indiana Government Center South  
10 N Senate Ave  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
September 12, 2013, 10:00AM**

**MEETING MINUTES  
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**Present:** Brian Burton, Dan Clark, Jackie Dowd, Billie Dragoo, Mark Goldman, Rep. Kathy Heuer, Randall Holmes, Leroy Jackson, Peter Kissinger, Cathy Metcalf, Rebecca Nickoli, Jac Padgett, Paul Perkins, Paula Pinkstaff, Derek Redelman, Scott Sanders, Mayor Wayne Seybold, Steve Slagle, Bill Stanczykiewicz, Trish Whitcomb

**Also present from Department of Workforce Development:** Jeff Gill; General Counsel, Randy Gillespie; Chief Financial Officer, Nate Klinck; Director of Policy, Michelle Marshel; Deputy Commissioner Communications, Brenda Summers; Director Government Affairs Liaison, Dennis Wimer; Deputy Commissioner Field Operations

**Absent:** Sen. Jim Buck, Rep. Charles Moseley, Renee Palmer, Dan Peterson, Doug Poe, Dennis Rohrs, Sen. Tim Skinner, Rep. Randy Truitt, Kevin Wachtel

**I. Call to Order and Roll**

Mr. Perkins called the meeting to order at 10:10am and recognized a quorum was present.

**II. Approval of Minutes for the SWIC Meeting on June 13, 2013**

Mr. Perkins motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the June meeting.  
Motion approved.

**III. Commissioner's Update**

Commissioner Sanders began his update discussion by informing the board members that Mr. Nate Klinck has resigned and will be replaced by Connie Berry. Commissioner Sanders recognized Nate's dedication and hard work for the State workforce Innovation Council.

Commissioner Sanders then handed out a working document of the customer flow model. He discussed the chart showing that the WorkOne clientele consists of employed and unemployed; how many customers have walked through the doors of a WorkOne, and how the WorkOne system has served them. The ultimate goal of the document is to determine if at the end of process, did WorkOne customers become reemployed? The percentage of those customers has gone up 23.5%.

Commissioner Sanders also shared his recent trip to Washington DC, where he was asked to testify before the House Ways and Means regarding unemployment fraud. He also told the Board that the Department of

Workforce Development intends to put a bid in for the 2014 National Governors Association meeting as well as the 2015 National Association of State Workforce Agencies, annual conference.

#### **IV. Indiana Career Council and Indiana Works Council**

Jackie Dowd, special Assistant to the Governor for Career Innovation, gave an update on the work of Indiana Career Council and Indiana Works Council

#### **V. State Board Business**

##### **A. Review of Regional Performance and Budget Update**

Nancy Manley provided the members with a performance report and budget update for program year 2012. This included a breakdown of statewide expenditure for WIA/WP. The statewide outcomes vs. the Federal standard shows that Indiana is above the negotiated standard or over 80% in every category. The youth measures for the same time period are well over the negotiated standard..

##### **B. Review and Approval of Local WIA Plan for Region 9**

At the June meeting, the SWIC approved local WIA plans for all regions in the state, with the exception of Region 9, who was provided an extension. Since the last meeting, Region 9 has continued through its transition from a regional workforce board to a workforce investment board and conducted a number of meetings. The Region 9 WIB submitted its local WIA plan to DWD staff for the SWIC to consider. Following a discussion, led by Mr. Nate Klinck, the SWIC members were asked to approve a resolution for their local plan.

##### **C. Discussion of Requirements for Local WIA Plans for Program Year 2013**

Mr. Klinck discussed the requirements for the local plans. Updated guidance has been issued to the WIBs regarding their PY2013 local plan requirements. DWD and the SWIC Executive Committee discussed options for the plans in consideration to the four regions that are transitioning from RWBs to WIB's and recent legislation that could possibly have an effect on these. Mr. Klinck stated that DWD's recommendation this year is to keep it simple, and the SWIC can ask the WIBs at any time to update their plan.

Mr. Perkins called to vote on the Resolution to Approve the Workforce Investment Plan for Region 9 Local Workforce Service Areas. All were in favor with no opposed. Ms. Dowd motioned to approve Ms. Marshel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

##### **D. Discussion of Ready to Work Communities and Sector Strategies/Industry Partnership Initiatives**

Mr. Klinck spoke in depth about Ready to Work and what the task force has learned to date. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the Certification Framework draft including questions, ideas and opinions from the committee. Most of the discussion was aimed at the differences between a Region being "work ready" and a County being "work ready" and what those challenges and issues would be. There was also quite a bit of discussion relating to JAG and how "ready to work" could be beneficial to those youths and young adults if they were included in the statistics.

## **E. Approval of High School Equivalency Testing Procurement**

On October 2, 2013, CTB/McGraw-Hill, one of the nation's leading educational assessment partners, announced that the Indiana Department of Workforce Development selected the company's TASC (Test Assessing Secondary Completion) as the state's sole high school equivalency credential. The TASC is more affordable and accessible for the 40 million U.S. adults and youth who lack high school credentials. This announcement followed months of activities by DWD staff, in partnership with the Department of Education, Department of Correction, and numerous other partners, that would identify a high school equivalency assessment that would meet Indiana's college and career readiness standards.

## **F. Committee Reports**

Director of Strategic Initiatives, Leslie Crist, provided an update on a number of successes for Indiana's Adult Education, WorkINdiana and JAG programs. For the first time, 16 programs achieved the National 5 of 5 Goals. Regions 4, 5, 7 and 9 achieved the National 5 of 5. We have a 91% graduation rate for JAG students and 49% go on to Post-Secondary schools. With the additional \$6 million in state funding, the 2013-2014 JAG program is projected to increase to 103 schools and serve over 4,000 in-school students in Indiana making it the largest JAG program in the nation.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Mr. Perkins adjourned the meeting at 1:03pm.