State Workforce Innovation Council

February 23, 2007 10:00AM
Indiana Government Center Conference Room B
Indianapolis, Indiana

Present: Steve Bryant, Brian Burton, Gina DelSanto, Harold Force, Jim Gislason, Andy Goebel, Jim Hemmelgarn, David Holt, V. William Hunt, Leroy Jackson, Peter Kissinger, Jim McClelland, Cathy Metcalf, Jac Padgett, Andrew Penca, Paul Perkins, Robert Schaefer, Julie Yeater (substituting for Patty Schutt on jury duty), Noah Sodrel, M. Alan Stahl, Bill Stanczykiewicz, and Diane Swift.

Present via conference call: None

Absent: Glynn Barber, Rep. Randy Borror, Governor Mitch Daniels, Cathy Delgado, Sen. Jeff Drozda, Rep. Craig Fry, Sen. Glenn Howard, Al Huntington, Rob Jeffs, Mark Maassel, Jac Price, Terry Rodino, Mitch Roob, Mark C. Smith, Beth Washington and David Wulf.

Also present: From the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Teresa Voors, General Counsel and Director of Policy; Tracy McNutt, Deputy Commissioner, Customer Solutions; John Ruckelshaus, Deputy Commissioner of Government Affairs; Scott Sanders, Deputy Commissioner, Chief Financial Officer; William Miller, Director, Career Services; and, Betty Culley, Partner Services. Also present was Nathan J. Feltman, President, Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC).

Welcome and Opening Business – V. William Hunt, Chairperson
Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 10:15AM.
Mr. Hunt called the roll of SWIC members and announced that a quorum was present.
Mr. Hunt recognized SWIC member, Andy Goebel, who recently was inducted into the Evansville Business Hall of Fame for his business and community leadership.
The minutes of the November 11, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved.

Regional Workforce Board Certifications and Modifications to Regional Workforce Board Grants adding Program Year 2004 and Program Year 2005 Carry-In Funds
Presented by William Miller, Director, Career Services, Customer Solutions, DWD

- Mr. Miller announced that there were two items of business regarding the State Workforce Innovation Council as the Balance of State Workforce Investment Board.
- Eight Regional Workforce Boards have been certified by the Board. Region 7 and Region 11 now have met the state requirements for constituted boards. He recommended approval of those boards. Region 5 is working on certification.
- The other business item was asking for board approval of the modification of Regional Workforce Boards' grants to include Program Year 2004/2005 carry-in funding and to address modifications resulting from final federal funding increases for Program Year 2006.
- Mr. Miller presented an explanatory handout regarding both items of business. He explained the basis for the modifications of the grants for the economic growth regions.
- The Council unanimously approved the certifications of Region 7 and Region 11.

- After a discussion of the modification process, Mr. Hunt asked for a motion to approve the grant modifications. The motion was moved and seconded.
- There was an additional question about the timing of the last allocation. Mr. Miller reported that the increase occurred in November when the additional monies were known and were formula allocated using the same formula as the preliminary federal allocations.
- Mr. Hunt asked if everyone was clear on the motion. The council unanimously approved the grant modifications.

Review of State Workforce Innovation Council (SWIC) Roles and Responsibilities presented by Teresa Voors, General Counsel and Director of Policy, DWD

- Ms. Voors presented a Memorandum from DWD Legal Counsel regarding the "Legal Duties of the State Workforce Innovation Council." The memo addressed both the SWIC's legal duties (both state and federal) as the State Board and its duties as the local Workforce Investment Board for the balance of the State (excluding Marion County).
- Generally, the SWIC serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor in its capacity as the State Council.
- In the SWIC's capacity as the local Workforce Investment Board for the balance of the state, the SWIC's duties are more detailed. The Balance of State Board signs off on federal monies, develops the local strategic plan, and performs other duties to help the Regional Workforce Boards. They are one of two boards, with Marion County being the other board.
- Ms. Voors suggested if a board member wanted to report a concern, he/she should contact John Ruckelshaus, DWD Deputy Commissioner of Government Affairs.
- Mr. Hunt requested that Ms. Voors' Memorandum be mailed to those SWIC members who are absent from today's meeting.
- There was discussion about the eleven strategic plans which have just been received according to Ms. Voors. Members reported that they would like to know what common challenges and themes the boards are facing. Ms. Voors reported that once the plans were reviewed, she would provide a short summary at the next meeting. Mr. Hunt said if different approaches were being taken by the boards could Ms. Voors report that, say rural and city approaches, counter and counterpoint.
- Ms. Voors reported that three regions may be ready to present their plans at the June meeting.

Mr. Hunt reviewed the dates of the scheduled SWIC meetings for the rest of the year. He asked that the notice of the meetings be sent to all members.

Modification of State Strategic Plan presented by Andrew Penca, Commissioner, DWD, and Teresa Voors, General Counsel, DWD

- Mr. Penca gave a PowerPoint presentation, "State Strategic Plan Modifications for 2008-2009" regarding Indiana's DWD System Vision and 2-Year Implementation Plan which is presently being prepared by DWD. He said the agency is also waiting on the Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act by Congress. He explained the amount of change from the perspective of the agency which had occurred during the last two years which was consistent with the agency's goals to Regionalize, Integrate, Align and Innovate.
- Mr. Penca recognized two new members of his lead team, Scott Sanders, DWD's Chief Financial Officer, and Tracy McNutt, Deputy Commissioner of Customer Solutions.
- Mr. Penca answered several questions of board members regarding his presentation.

- Ms. Voors requested that the board vote to approve the Indiana Strategic Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act: Modification for Years Three and Four (2008-2009) Executive Summary which Mr. Penca had discussed. She said that the entire plan would be out in mid-March for public comment and that the plan could be modified incorporating those comments. In June, the board will vote on the entire state plan.
- The council unanimously approved the Executive Summary of the WIA and Wagner-Peyser Act: Modification for Years Three and Four (2008-2009).

Update from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation presented by
Nathan J. Feltman, President, Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC)

- Mr. Feltman gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Indiana, Accelerate Your Business." He explained the Indiana Economic Development Corporation's Mission and Metrics: Job Growth, Raise Hoosier Incomes and Maximize Efficiency of Tax Dollars. He elaborated on the number of competitive projects and number of jobs from competitive projects from 2003 through 2006 in Indiana, especially on the many large projects won for the state recently.
- There was a question and answer session following Mr. Feltman's presentation.
- Chairman Hunt thanked Mr. Feltman for taking time to speak to the board. Mr. Hunt reiterated that DWD and IEDC had a shared goal of "moving people up one level."

Mr. Hunt asked for if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Hunt thanked the Board members for coming, especially with a quorum being present. If any members have thoughts on inclusions for future meetings, please contact him.

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at noon.

The next State Workforce Innovation Council meeting is scheduled to be held June 7, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room C.

STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL

V. William Hunt, Chairman

June 7, 2007
Date

ATTEST:

Andrew J. Penca, Commissioner
Indiana Department of Workforce Development