

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Area Consortium Board

MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2010

A meeting of the NR/MR WIA Consortium Board was held on May 19, 2010 at the Wytheville Meeting Center. Those in attendance were as follows:

Council Members

Bill Brown – Vice Chair
Wesley Hurst - Carroll
Mike Maynard - Grayson
Ranny Akers - Pulaski
Charlie Clark – Smyth
Odell Owens - Washington
Bucky Sharitz – Wythe
James Heaney - Bristol
Bill Webb – Galax

Staff

Ronnie Martin
Marty Holliday
Della Meadows
Mary Ann Gilmer

Guest

Martha Samples – WIB Chair
Linda Matthews- Goodwill Ind. of the Valleys
Clay Stein- Goodwill Ind. of the Valleys
Missy Bray – Goodwill Ind. of the Valleys
Jim Coen – Goodwill Ind. of the Valleys
Deborah Lambert – Goodwill Ind. of the Valleys
Emily Reed – Youth client
Gray Parks – Rooftop of Virginia
Steve Hackler – Rooftop of Virginia

At 9:40AM, Vice Chair Brown called the meeting to order. He opened the meeting with a prayer and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chair Brown asked Ms. Holliday to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Brown asked for any changes to or approval of the January 27, 2010 meeting minutes. Mr. Sharitz made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Maynard seconded the motion. A roll call was taken:

Bristol – abstain, Carroll – abstain, Galax – abstain, Grayson – yes, Montgomery – yes, Pulaski – yes, Smyth – yes, Washington – abstain, Wythe - yes

Vice Chair Brown opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

Mr. Martin introduced Mary Ann Gilmer, the WIA's Compliance Monitor. Ms. Gilmer addressed the members and explained work duties and responsibilities.

Mr. Martin gave an overview of the Executive Committee Action taken at their April 22, 2010 meeting.

1. Action to extend the current Fiscal Agent Agreement for six month
2. Action to approve accepting \$99,480 of ARRA Youth Funds

Mr. Martin gave an overview of the WIB's Action taken at their April 28, 2010 meeting.

1. Approved PY 10 Funding Recommendation (One Stop Operator, DLW and Adult)
2. Approved PY 10 Youth Funding Recommendation
3. Approved PY 10 ARRA Youth Funding Recommendation

A discussion followed on various possibilities for securing more funds for the area. Mr. Webb made the motion to accept the WIB's approval actions. Mr. Sharitz seconded the motion. A called vote was taken:

Bristol – yes, Carroll – yes, Galax – yes, Grayson – yes, Montgomery – yes, Pulaski – yes, Smyth – yes, Washington – yes, Wythe - yes

Vice Chair Brown continued with the agenda asking for Committee reports. Mr. Maynard updated the members on the Financial Services update, noting that time had been extended due to Fiscal Agent Agreement extension. Mr. Maynard had Mr. Martin explain the Draft PY 10 Budget. After a brief discussion Mr. Maynard made the motion to approve the PY 10 Budget as presented. Mr. Webb seconded the motion and a called vote was taken:

Bristol – yes, Carroll – yes, Galax – yes, Grayson – yes, Montgomery – yes, Pulaski – yes, Smyth – yes, Washington – yes, Wythe - yes

Mr. Martin gave the Nominating Committee report in Mr. Bruce Brown's absence. Mr. Martin drew the member's attention to the nomination forms in their packet. After a brief discussion on them, Mr. Webb made the motion to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation of Mr. Mike Jenkins to represent the Department of Social Services (with Mr. Jim Wallis as his alternate) and Mr. Timothy Mc Vey to represent Washington County Business. Mr. Hurst seconded the motion and a called vote was taken:

Bristol – yes, Carroll – yes, Galax – yes, Grayson – yes, Montgomery – yes, Pulaski – yes, Smyth – yes, Washington – yes, Wythe - yes

Ms. Holliday gave a brief update on the Strategic Planning process and timeline. She then explained that the Consortium Board must approve the plan prior it's submittal on May 28, 2010. Once they approved the plan she would get the signatures from Consortium Board Chair Hutchins and WIB Chair Samples to attach to the plan. Vice Chair Brown made the motion to approve the plan as written. Mr. Webb seconded the motion and a called vote was taken.

Bristol – yes, Carroll – left, Galax – yes, Grayson – yes, Montgomery – yes, Pulaski – yes, Smyth – yes, Washington – yes, Wythe – yes

Vice Chair Brown called a short recess prior to going into closed session at 10:55AM.

At 12:23PM Mr. Sharitz made the motion to reopen the meeting certifying that all discussion was related to VA Code Section 3711 (A1) for the discussion of Personnel. Mr. Akers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Brown told members that they would be skipping over all reports that were included in their packets for the sake of time.

Vice Chair Brown asked Ms. Matthews to introduce her guests. She introduced Emily Reed and Debbie Lambert.

Ms. Reed told the members that she started with the WIA youth program in her sophomore year (due to low math skills). She talked about grade incentives, work experience, and life lessons (working towards a goal) that she gained while on the youth program. She graduated with 3.4 GPA from High School and is now enrolled at NRCC. She wants to transfer to UVa for a PhD in education. Linda explained Goodwill's grade incentive program.

Ms. Lambert told the members that she enrolled with Goodwill as adult participant after she had moved to the area from NC. She had been pursuing degree at NRCC, but struggling financially. Once she enrolled in adult program they assisted her with supportive services and job search services. After she received her degree they continued to help with job search for a job when one came open at Goodwill as a follow-up clerk (with benefits). She is now working at DLW case manager.

Mr. Martin reminded the members about the Travel Reimbursement request form to be completed and signed if members wanted to get reimbursed for their travel to the meeting.

Vice Chair Brown continued with the agenda noting that the next meeting will be held on July 21, 2010 and since the Executive Committee still wants to do a cookout (replacing today's canceled one due to weather) the meeting will be held at Elizabeth Brown Park in Wytheville. The meeting would still begin at 9:30 AM.

With no further business to discuss Mr. Bruce Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Holliday
Program Planner