



South Shore Workforce Investment Board
Board Meeting
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM on February 9, 2012
at
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
25 Technology Place
Hingham, MA 02043-4360

Members Present:

Harry J. Brett, Joan Cirillo, Patricia Daly, Peter Forman, Greg Hanley, William Harris, James Howard, Linda M. Lawrie-Braunstein, Joseph MacRitchie, Kevin Madden, David Manning, Rosemarie McGillicuddy, Robert Miller, Jeanette Paul, Dean Rizzo, Doric Scarpelli, Stephen Shay, Gail Simms, Keelas Small, Beth Ann Strollo, Don Uvanitte, Charles Wall

Members Absent:

David Cesario*, Susan Fontana*, Paul Hart, Alan Macdonald, James Pinkham, Harry Salerno*, Peter H. Tsaffaras

WIB Staff Present:

Maryellen Brett, Alicia LeClaire, Deborah Lipton, Joyce Livramento-Young, Regina Zahran

Guests:

Arthur Brookfield, Laurie Fadden, Betty Gooding, Michael Jackman, James Connor, Robyn LaFrance

*Excused Absence

- I. Don Uvanitte, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. Welcome extended to new board members in attendance: Keelas Small. Keelas provided a brief introduction.
II. Quorum Attendance
III. Don Uvanitte, Chairman asked for comments, additions or corrections to the November 29, 2011 Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made to accept the minutes. The Board approved the minutes and the motion carried.
IV: Arthur Brookfield provided the Treasurer’s Report as Harry Salerno was unable to attend. A motion was made to accept the Treasurers Report: the motion was accepted and motion carried.

V. Executive Director's Update
Maryellen Brett, Executive Director

- Federal and State legislative activity
 - Maryellen Brett to attend New England Council conference in Washington, DC – March 27-29, 2012.
 - MA Community Colleges received a new grant to improve and ‘transform’ the way community; Part of the grant will pay for a ‘Navigator’ to work with customers at the Career Centers; Dr. Wall gave a brief overview of the grant.
 - Adult Basic Education Request for Proposals (RFPs) submissions being reviewed; 7 letters of intent received; funding to begin July 1, 2012.
 - A Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Grant that funded a summer GED prep program at the Quincy Career Center for the past several years is ending per the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; the summer 2012 session will be the last round.
 - Workforce Training Fund Program has been converted to a Trust Fund and is funded at approximately \$19M this year. Applications are being accepted on rolling basis.
 - The SSWIB coordinated a hearing for the Jobs Creation Commission led by Senator Karen Spilka on January 18, 2012; Senate President Therese Murray also attended; the SSWIB thanks the following for testifying about the local economy and jobs:
 - Kevin Parham Plymouth Career Center;
 - Harry Brett, Plumbers & Gasfitters Local Union 12
 - Sherry Tucker Brown, The Tucker Brown Group
 - Christa Hagearty, Dependable Cleaners
 - Randy Kupferberg, Mass Tank Sales Corporation
 - Denis Hanks, Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Olive Chase, Casual Gourmet
 - Laurie Fadden, Sullivan Tire Corporate Office
 - Mary Lou Regan, Hydroid, Inc
 - Shari Goscinak, LITECONTROL
 - The SSWIB successfully applied for and received a grant from Commonwealth Corporation. This year round ‘YouthWorks’ grant will fund a job readiness and subsidized employment program for jdfjeh at risk youth high school youth from Quincy and Randolph
 - An orientation for new board members will be scheduled

VI. One-Stop Career Center News
Kevin Madden, Executive Director, SCCDA

- Current unemployment “walk-in” services are scheduled to leave the career centers by July 1, 2012; to be replaced by phone or internet service to file
- The UI staff served over 800 customers in December alone
- Service numbers continue to be high
- Unemployment Insurance funding accounts for \$61,698 on the financial statement
- When the funds are gone, funding will come from WIA or training
- Unfunded mandates continue to be suggested, DCS needs to fund Employment Staff

VII. Sub Committee Updates

- Youth Council: Debbie Lipton
 - Hull Lifesaving Museum: parties agreed to terminate this program
 - Connecting activities: now in five districts: Braintree, Randolph, Quincy, North Quincy and Middleborough
- Career Center: Jim Howard
 - Required Memorandum of Understanding between the WIB and career center partners are completed
 - Committee received the State's Career Center Communication: 5-98 (October 30, 1998) information from Dave Manning regarding WIB's chartering of One Stops Career Centers
 - Draft Charter: have been told by Kevin Madden that City Hall will send changes soon. It's been nearly nine months since draft Charter was completed by WIB Committee.
- Resource Management: Peter Forman
 - Committee requests an update on job training
- Workforce Issues: Harry Brett
 - Meeting schedule for February 28, 2012; welcomes new members

VIII. *Dr. Charles Wall, President, Massasoit Community College*: Update on Community Colleges

- Governor's initiative to have all community colleges work together as one statewide
- Navigator position to be staffed at Massasoit Community College

IX. Manpower Presentation

Betty Gooding, Metro Sales Executive, Manpower

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

None

XII. Meeting Adjournment at 10:55 am