

Southeastern Wisconsin Workforce Development Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Ives Grove – Auditorium
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Members present: Laura Cesar, Susan Chandek, Kenneth Fellman, Nicholas Galich, Brooke Infusino, Amy Mlot, Cynthia Simonsen, Leslie Spencer-Herrera

Members excused: Dr. Bryan Albrecht, Dr. Manoj Babu, Thomas A. Burke, Sandra Conners, Derek D'Auria, Grace Eckland, Ron Frederick, David Hazen, Rene O'Connor, Loretta Olsen, Tom Reiherzer, Rodney Prunty, Mary Jo Wodicka, Dr. Brian Wolf

LEO's present: County Executive Jonathan Delagrave, Walworth County Board Chair Nancy Russell

Others present: Karen Burns, David Cole, Rebecca Freund, Samantha Ingo, Juan Gamez, Jacquetta Gilman, Mark Mundl, Jeff Neubauer

Call to Order:

- Board Chair, Nicholas Galich, called the meeting to order.

Silent Roll Call:

- Rebecca Freund completed silent roll call.

Citizen Comments:

- No Comments.

Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2016 Board meeting:

- Due to not having a quorum, minutes from October 11, 2016 SE WI WDB meeting were not approved.

Fiscal Report:

- Fiscal report was not given due to not having a quorum to approve.

Brief Intro of Stephanie Elmer – Local Program Liaison, Department of Workforce Development

- Mark Mundl introduced Stephanie Elmer as the new Local Program Liaison, stating that Theresa Loerke has retired.
- Stephanie gave a brief introduction of herself. She said that if anyone has any questions for her, they can connect via Rebecca, Doug or Mark.

Labor Market Update (handout): Mark Mundl, Racine County Workforce Solutions

- Mark Mundl presented the labor market information in depth for the Tri-County area.
- Data was shared in regards to the education and employment changes.

County Executive Delagrave asked if the take-away was that secondary education is important to an employer. Mark Mundl said that is correct - - - some sort of credential past high school is important.

Walworth County Board Chair – Nancy Russell, commented that she's happy to see some Manufacturing jobs coming to Walworth County and the gateway in Elkhorn has opened up a state of the art manufacturing center which will really help the County. Many new assisted living facilities are opening as the population ages.

WIOA Update: Mark Mundl, Racine County Workforce Solutions

- Mark said that a Monitoring was done last October and results were received in February. The Management Team has completed the response and that will be forwarded to our LPL, Stephanie Elmer for review.
- Karen commented that work is being done to meet the EEOC requirements due to the changes in law.

TechHire Grant: Presented by Juan Gamez, TechHire Coordinator – Racine County Workforce Solutions

- A one million dollar grant has been awarded to provide the opportunity for 17-29 year olds to learn in-demand skills that will lead to jobs in the IT Field. Computer Support Specialists and Web Developers are the main focus.
- Looking to engage with 150; seeking to enroll 103 participants with 78 of those being between the ages of 17-29 that have a barrier to training/employment. All participants must have their high school diploma or GED.

Ken Fellman asked what the efforts are with recruiting the high school senior class that's coming up. Juan said that is on the radar and he's been talking about the computer support specialists. If interested in Web Development, they need to wait a year due to school not ending June 9th. Ken encourages Juan to get in the high schools and connect with the counselors. Juan stated that he has been connecting and has a couple meetings coming up.

Amy Mlot asked how long the boot camps last and Juan stated 18 weeks. The first 2 weeks are orientation, soft skills building and then it ends with an internship that will lead to a long-term position.

Brooke Infusino asked if there's been discussions with employers. Juan said that the Business Solutions Team has been reaching out and there are letters of support.

Susan Chandek asked how to retrieve the application and Juan said that it can be found at www.racinecounty.com/techhire.

WAGES Grant: Presented by Samantha Ingo, SE Apprenticeship Liaison

- WAGES stands for Wisconsin Apprenticeship Growth and Enhancement Strategies.
- \$5 million dollar grant over 5 years; grant runs from October 2015 through October 2020.
- The goal of the grant is to expand apprenticeships and to have 1,000 new apprentices within 12 occupations.
- A resource for more information: <http://www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/grants/wages.htm>
- March 30, 2017 – Apprenticeship Forum (focus on Manufacturing) being held at Veteran's Terrace in Burlington; 75 employers currently registered to attend.

Amy Mlot asked if there would be a Forum for those in Healthcare. Samantha said yes, they want to see how this one goes but will extend it to Healthcare and also IT.

Mark Mundl commented that Samantha mentioned pre-apprenticeship and introduced Leslie Spencer-Herrera from WRTP-Big Step to give some further details on their program. Leslie said that WRTP-Big Step is the merger of two organizations – WRTP stands for Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership. They help students navigate the system and orient them on where to focus their study. Leslie said that the company is Industry led and passed out a brochure. Mark stated the Racine County recently sponsored a gentleman who was laid off and he's now doing gas meter installation and inspection which will provide a more stable employment.

Other Items as Allowed by Law:

- No other items discussed.

Board Chair Comments:

- Nicholas Galich said that the next meeting will be important as there will be a lot of things on the agenda that will need Board approval so please mark your calendars.

Local Elected Official Comments:

- No comments.

Next meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2017 in the Auditorium at Ives Grove Office Complex from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned.