

Capital Region Workforce Development Board September 13, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting Called to Order – Maria Harrington:

Maria Harrington called to order the Capital Region Workforce Development Board meeting at 12:24 on March 8, 2019 at the Career Central in Albany, New York.

II. Welcome & Introductions – Maria Huntington:

Present Members:

Joella Viscusi, Dick Schlansker, Scott Brazie, Katherine Maciol, Mary Blais, Katie Decker, Ian Glasgow, Maria Huntington, Mark Westcott, Phillip Stenglein, Amanda Vitullo, Sean M. Maguire, Leola Edelin, Richard E. Bennett III, Scott Brazie, Chari Jones, Kevin Alexander, Jennifer Bargy, James Barnett, Susan Gallagher, Bailey Gardiner, Elizabeth Harris, Jonathan Jones, Mary Kalica, Michael McLaughlin, Crickett Thomas-O'Dell, Brian Williams, Bill Morrison

Absent Members:

Robert Wildermuth, Neenah Bland, Paul Brady, Roy Casey, Colleen Costello, Sonya Del Peral, Rene Gannon-Burke, Joseph Giansante, Denise Padula, John Ramoska, Jeff Sperber, Ted Varamogiannis, Ned Applegate, John Banas, Erin Ferguson, Raphael Tucker

III. Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting – Maria Huntington:

- There was a unanimous vote, based on a motion by Maria Huntington and seconded by Richard E. Bennett III to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2019 meeting.

IV. WIOA Youth Proposals for 2018-2019 – Youth RFP Committee:

- Community reviewed Proposals for Youth Proposals
- Schenectady Proposal was not used. 3 Proposals were given recommendations to be funded.
- Rensselaer Proposals that are currently being run have met performance targets and are recommended to continue to be funding
- Albany did not receive as many proposals as hoped and will keep the City of Albany RFP open until October 18
- A copy of the proposals and subcommittee recommendations
- There was a unanimous vote taken based upon a motion by Maria Huntington, and seconded by Philip Stenglein to approve the Programs, and Katherine Maciol abstained.
- There was a unanimous vote based upon a motion by Maria Huntington to approve the City of Albany RFP extension.

V. **Program Highlight – WIOA Self Sufficiency/ITA Cap/OJT Minimum Wage discussion:**

- Maximum Reimbursement for tuition – \$1500 for training \$500 for books (Average of \$3000 across state)
- High percent of people who are employed but cannot make self sufficiency rate (\$15 per hour locally)
- Discussion over rate at which workers are self sufficient and what determines self sufficient
- Should be thought of more as an eligibility rate
- Career path should be looked at to create a pipeline of incumbent workers getting trained and unemployed workers receiving new trainings
- Maria Huntington suggested a committee to look at rate in different areas
- Transportation could be an issue for individuals seeking training

VI. **Policy & Other Committees discussion:**

- Suggestion to make Youth Employment/Emerging worker committee – consisting of board and community members
- Discussion over getting schools to bring in opportunities for students other than college

VII. **Summer Youth Employment Program 2019 reports – Albany/Rensselaer/Schenectady SYEP:**

- Best year yet for Albany Summer Youth Employment program
- 238 Enrolled in Rensselaer Program – less enrolled due to budget cuts
- Transportation assistance provided in a couple
- Over 300 enrolled for Schenectady Program
 - i. All student work with SEFCU for fiscal responsibility program

VIII. **Member Go-Around:**

- Mary Blais - Audit from US department of labor

IX. **Motion to Adjourn – Maria Huntington:**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Maria Huntington and seconded by Jonathan Jones with no objections.

X. **Next Capital Region Workforce Development Board Meeting:**

December 6, 2019

12:00pm – 1:30pm

175 Central Avenue, 3rd Floor Conference Room D/E/F