

MINUTES
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, February 5, 2008 – 3:00 pm
INLAND NORTHWEST HEALTH SERVICES
WELLS FARGO CENTER
601 W FIRST AVE, 1ST FLOOR

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donna Dalzell Tom Fritz Rich Hadley Julie Meyer
Beth Thew

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Frankie Arteaga Craig Dias Hugh Severs

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Dahlstrom Jean Farmer, NECC

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Mattke – Anne Lockwood – Dawn Karber – Lori Meakin –
Workforce Strategy & Secretary Youth Program & Workforce Development
Planning Director Development Manager Program Specialist

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by Immediate Past Chair, Tom Fritz.

ITEM #1 - REVIEW OF JANUARY 3, 2008 MEETING MINUTES:

On a motion and a second to approve the January 3, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Approved. None opposed.

NORTH EAST COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

Staff presented a proposal to expand the scope of workforce development service delivery to the Northeast Community Center (NECC) in the Hillyard neighborhood.

BUDGET UPDATE

The impacts of the budget rescissions are beginning to take shape. Thus far the State has proposed taking 1% out of WIA funds from the PY08 year in advance of the rescission being applied. The full \$250M Federal rescission from WIA allocations has not been released yet.

- a) First Robotics Commitment – The Manufacturing Roundtable has asked for support from the WDC for the local First Robotics Competition which involves several area schools (East Valley, West Valley, St. Georges, Central Valley and Bonners Ferry). The students create a plan, develop marketing materials, and work on the project together with a business mentor. At the initial project briefing there were over 200 students expressing interest who will be broken into groups of about 15 to 25 students per team.

Motion to approve the pledge of \$5,000 for the First Robotics Competition. Approved. None opposed. Rich Hadley abstained.

GRANTS IN PROCESS

The grants that are being developed at this time are:

RIG Grant - \$250,000

SGA - \$1M

Stem Grant (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) - \$2M

Community-Based Job Training Grant (WIRE-ME) - \$2M

Mark is analyzing opportunities as they arise that align with the core mission of the WDC and expand the impact upon our community's workforce needs.

2008 NAWB CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

The WDC Members who will be attending the NAWB Conference are Dixie Simmons, Julie Meyer, Donna Dalzell, and Dawn Karber.

This will be an excellent opportunity to make connections with board members and workforce professionals from around the country and learn about best practices.

SHARON PARRY FINAL REPORT

The WDC received the final report on the December 2007 Annual Retreat from Sharon Parry.

PY08 – BOARD OFFICER PLANNING & MEMBERSHIP

The WDC Membership Committee is examining which members' terms are expiring and anticipated resignations in order to determine a recruiting strategy.

PRE AGENDA FOR MARCH 12, 2008 SAWDC MEETING

The pre-agenda for the March 12th SAWDC meeting and the March 4th Executive Committee meeting was discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) The economic slow down is impacting our local labor market and new information has been submitted for the healthcare cluster component of the Demand/Decline List.
- b) Rapid Response services are being provided for laid off employees at Holy Family Hospital in Deer Park (closure) and Anesthesiologists Associated, Inc. (billers & coders for medical insurance) [closure], and Deaconess (restructuring). Some of these layoffs are due to internal company issues vs. lack of need for healthcare services.
- c) Jeff Zahir has accepted a promotion and is relocating to Olympia. Doug Tweedy will be the new Regional Labor Economist based in Spokane.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.