



**Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board
Minutes
Wednesday May 18, 2011
Shady Grove Innovation Center**

Board Members in attendance: Lori Golino, Kate Garvey, Anthony Cancelosi, David Gamse, Deborah Murphy, Michael Sullivan, Jr., David Rodich, Eugene Spencer, Dawn Weglein, Ted Rose, Steve Silverman, Steve Kornblatt, Dennis Fallen, Sheila Khatri, Kathryn Mannes

Guests in Attendance: Ellie Giles, Bernard Reynolds, Betsy Brown, Carl Reavis, Doug Propheter

Staff in Attendance: Barbara Kaufmann, Cassandra Boyd

Board Members not in attendance: Elyse Kaplan, Susan Leggett-Johnson, Stephen Cain, Mark Federici, Filip G. Feller, Pastor Elwood Gray, Susan Heltemes, Mary C. Lang, Jerry Shapiro, Carrie Shelton, Reginald Stewart

Chair Lori Golino called the meeting to order. She asked that each member introduce themselves. She recognized the three Board members whose terms had expired – Kath Mannes, Ted Rose, and Carrie Shelton. Kathy was presented with a certificate for her service.

Golino explained the upcoming WIB recertification. The Workforce Investment Act requires the Governor to recertify local workforce investment boards every two years based on a number of criteria. The Governor's WIB (GWIB) is managing the process. It is likely that the Montgomery County WIB will be provisionally recertified because of performance. We are working with GWIB and DLLR to identify technical assistance; the process has started and is going well.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2011 was made, seconded and approved.

Golino informed the members that the last ten minutes of each meeting will be held open for comments from the public.

Strategic plan implementation update

Dennis Fallen, Chair of the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee reviewed the work to date. An implementation plan has been developed for the strategies under each of the four goals. For each strategy, they identified what will be accomplished and how, who will take the lead, when it

will be completed and the measures of success. The WIB Committees will take assignments from the Implementation Plan to review, analyze, recommend and implement. The Committee will then launch and set up this work in the next few months and the Board will manage the oversight and implementation.

Montgomery County Business Development Corporation (MBDC)

The MBDC was created by the County Council last year. The MBDC was represented by Mr. Bryant Foulger, a member of the Executive Committee

- He discussed Montgomery County falling behind surrounding jurisdictions in job development from 2001-2008. Montgomery County added 7,000 jobs; Prince George's added 9,000, Loudon 35,000, Fairfax 42,000, and D.C. 49,000.
- There is an increasing wage gap between Montgomery County and Fairfax. In 2001 Fairfax paid an average of \$6,000 more, now over \$10,000 more.
- Government expenditures on the County level are going rapidly, points out need to focus on a financial model for the Montgomery County Administration. We are on a projectory that's not sustainable. The State and County need vision of where we need to be, recognition of where we are, and a strategy to get there and group together to execute it.

Steve Silverman also commented that there is no one right structure for economic development. It is about having the right people at the table. Other comments from WIB members included:

- The need to take a regional approach to economic development
- The need to give the labor movement a "seat at the table"
- WIB's role is to pull industries together to understand needs and then work with education and training to prepare individuals for the future growth

Announcements

The JCA 50+ Job Expo was held May 17, 2011. There were about 3300 in attendance.

The Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind is sponsoring a Walk/Run at Nationals Park on September 10.

Barbara Kaufmann informed members that the WIB has seven business vacancies and one community vacancy. The announcement is in the packet and all were asked to distribute it to potential candidates.

Meeting adjourned.

Susan Leggett-Johnson
Secretary

Date