



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

**The Universities of Maryland Shady Grove Center
Rockville, Maryland 20850**

Board Members in Attendance

Carrie Shelton (Chair), Ted Rose (Finance Chair), Pradeep Ganguly, Patrick Baker, Lori Golino, Stephen Cain, Susan Heltemes, Anthony Cancelosi, Stewart Edelstein, Elyse Kaplan, Stephen Kornblatt, Susan Leggett-Johnson, Sharan London, Jerry Shapiro, Kathy Mannes, Eugene Spencer, Donald Moragne, Dawn Weglein, Carmen Ortiz-Larsen, and David Rodich

Guests in Attendance

Councilmember Michael Knapp, and Councilmember Nancy Floreen, Kate O'Sullivan (Youth Council), Doug Propheter, CTC

Staff in Attendance

Barbara Kaufmann (DED – DWS), Gaye Barksdale (DED – DWS), Joyce Steele (DED-MBD)

Board Members Not in Attendance

Dennis Fallen, Kate Garvey; Shelley Johnson, Sharon Julius, Patrick Flanagan, Harriet Shapiro

Chair Carrie Shelton called the meeting to order at 7:58 a.m.

Chair Shelton called the meeting to order and led the board in introductions.

Motion to approve September 24th Meeting Minutes. Motion approved.

Presentation by Councilmember Michael Knapp; Councilmember Nancy Floreen and WIB

Susan Heltemes gave an update on workface activities. The WIB advises county council and the County Executive on the workforce issues. There are three one -stop centers. Centers are located at: Wheaton Plaza, Lakeforest Mall soon to be relocated to the Upcounty Regional Service Center and the third is in the Montgomery County Correctional facility in Boyds that is a model national program.

FY 2008 Data - First quarter of this fiscal year that (July - September) there was the following activity at our One-Stop Centers.

- 39% total more visits by individuals
- 30% more visits from new customers to one stop; approximately the same ratio men to women as last year

Discussion:

Ted –Specifically the need to upgrade the skills in order for people to remain at the level you heard today with our training budget slashed in half the idea about the GI bill is a very positive looking forward step. If we could work together to get the grant writer employee here instead of worrying about how to present this to the council we could work together to find other paths to get the fund this program.

There are a lot of resources and opportunities in Montgomery County for people to work together. There are many boards and groups but they don't seem to have the ability to bring together an alignment to groups that could if they worked together be much more powerful in their activity than the individual parts.

There may be a need to have a workforce development summit or a workforce readiness summit.

There is a project that identified youth who were at risk of dropping out because of financial situations at home. 21 kids were placed with 18 businesses who were asked to take them on as interns. If the business could not pay them, the project did.

The County Executive has put together a high level team to look at a comprehensive summer job program. Last year there was a job fair of about one thousand kids that came and over 200 found jobs.

Committee Reports

Youth Council

Is in the process of reviewing and aggregating what the priorities based on a report that was issued a couple of year ago – Sponsorship opportunity notice out for youth fair date have not yet been finalized. Youth placement is an issue – message is that there are not jobs in the workforce under current conditions, so how do we make that a positive message. There is a need to come up with short-term programs to help.

Executive Committee

Feedback was discussed about the Award Breakfast. The Communications and Outreach Committee is going to take a thorough look at the details over the coming months and will report back on where we really succeeded and where we need to improve upon for next year's events.

Finance Committee

WIB received a new grant statewide investment training \$206,000 added to funding year FY09. It is a continuation through MontgomeryWorks with Montgomery College of a program for foreign trained professionals, particularly nurses that help them to translate their degrees and certifications while helping with ESL. The hospitals are very heavily involved, providing work opportunities.

Director's Report

Barbara Kaufmann discussed a Regional Innovation Grant (RIG). A draft was included in the WIB packet.

Barbara Kaufman reported on the strategic development process: two ideas discussed:

1. The state requires plans from the local workforce investment area the next one will probably be next year – just did a two year plan traditionally 5 years
2. What our goals, mission and vision are or combined staffing and where we are going.

All reports were accepted.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Economic Development located at 111 Rockville Pike, Suite 800, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Carrie Shelton, Chair

Date