

**Accountability Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 23, 2010**

The Accountability Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Andreoni at 4:56 p.m.

**Members Present:** Jim Andreoni, Pam Furlan, David Howell, Louie Sekula

**Members Absent:** Scott Harl, Dr. George Mihel

**Others Present:** Joel Torbeck, Karen Keller

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Pam Furlan to approve the January 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Louie Sekula and carried.

**Committee Progress Reports:**

Jim Andreoni questioned whether the Business Liaison & Marketing Committee have been coordinating with the Chambers and was told yes by Pam Furlan. Pam questioned Karen Keller on the progress of the e-letter issue and was told by her that she attended a webinar and printed up a 2-page highlight to take back to the next Business Liaison & Marketing committee on April 15, 2010 for approval. A motion was made by Dave Howell to approve the **Business Liaison & Marketing Committee** Progress Report. Motion was seconded by Pam Furlan and carried.

Pam Furlan informed the committee that Business Employment Skills Team, Inc. (BEST, Inc.) has two transportation committees with Dianna Schuler serving in LaSalle County and Diana Buiting serving in Bureau County. Joel Torbeck said he has attended two of the Bureau County meetings. Pam said the future goal of the One-Stop Partner Committee is to have a large job-search workshop/open house in the newly-renovated Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) office in Ottawa with a projected June date. Joel stated a cost-share agreement will be hard to get when IDES moves across the hall from their current location, with all of their new partners. A motion was made by Louie Sekula to approve the **One-Stop Partner Committee** Progress Report. Motion was seconded by Dave Howell and carried.

Joel stated that the **Planning & Organizational Resources Committee** met once in October of 2009. He said the committee does yearly modifications to the Plan and when next years' allocations are released, the committee will meet again. A motion was made by Pam Furlan to approve the **Planning & Organizational Committee** Progress Report. Motion was seconded by Louie Sekula and carried.

Pam told the committee that the Logistics Council is doing well and the goal of the **Private Sector Employer Committee** is still looking at enlisting a Manufacturing Council. She said that Work in the Real World (WITRW), held at Sauk Valley Community College (SVCC) in the fall of 2009 was well attended. She said that the WITRW event that was also held at Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) in conjunction with the Junior High Career Fair. She added that although the employers said it went well, there were issues with attendance. She explained that the youth were split up into groups with employers from different industries speaking to them on topics such as manufacturing/ healthcare/ logistics and wind/ energy.

Pam stated that the Business Roundtable has been given to the Workforce Action Team for now but will need to be resurrected soon. Joel stated that our recession is a bigger priority right now and as the economy picks up, retirement will become an issue again. Pam said that the Manufacturing Summit and Board Retreat will be discussed at the next Private Sector Employer Meeting on March 30, 2010 to finalize and that Lonnie Doan wants to see the Private Sector Employer Committee become more engaged in the workforce system.

When Joel questioned Pam as to whether the goal of the Logistics Council was to eventually become self-sustaining, Pam replied yes and informed the committee that IVCC can no longer take minutes (as part of their contribution) for the Logistics Council. She said the issue will be addressed by the Steering committee at their next meeting to see who can take minutes. She said that the Logistics Council has acquired a different sponsor each month to purchase doughnuts and coffee and that the meetings are well attended at IVCC. She informed the committee that Ray Gatza is working on a special project at Advantage Logistics and will step down from the Logistics Council until October allowing Tim Robey to take over until Ray's project is complete. A motion was made by Pam Furlan to approve the **Private Sector Employer Committee** Progress Report. Motion was seconded by Dave Howell and carried.

Pam said that the Ottawa High School (OHS) project did not work out and that Tom Ziel from OHS is going to apply for a project through our youth funding. She said the Logistics Council still continues school visits and shows their DVDs to them. She said the big discussion at the last Youth Council meeting was what their goal should be. The Youth Council agreed the goal should be preparing youth for the workforce and getting the parents involved. She said that Jim Carlson will be bringing projects to the next Youth Council meeting. A motion was made by Louie Sekula to approve the **Youth Council** Progress Report. Motion was seconded by Dave Howell and carried.

#### **PY08 Incentive Grant:**

Joel Torbeck informed the committee that no public announcement can be made regarding the PY08 Incentive Grant until the press release from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) is published in the newspaper.

#### **Program Certifications/ Recertifications:**

Joel stated that these were an informational item only and were enclosed in the meeting materials packet.

#### **Other Business:**

None

#### **Public Comments:**

None

#### **Adjournment:**

With there being no further business, Louie Sekula motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dave Howell and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Karen Keller