

**Planning/Organizational Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2010**

The Planning/Organizational Resources Committee meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson Lynn Wagner

PLANNING/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Debbie Clausen, Lonnie Doan, John Fritts, Pam Furlan, Tom Pigati, Joel Torbeck, Lynn Wagner, Gerald Waszkowiak

PLANNING/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Bollman, Judy Mason, Mary Stouffer, Bill Urnikis

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Carlson, Pam Furlan, Sally Hanrahan, Terry Madsen, Edna McManus

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Bernie Anderson, Tera Armstrong, Carol Baness, Jim Conness, Emlee Dooley, Dick Hally, Jan Koch, Jeanette Maurice, Dave McClure, Trina O'Brien, Margo Stouffer, Mary Stouffer

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Keller, Damon Neiggemann

Approval of Minutes

Gerald Waszkowiak motioned to approve the October 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Joel Torbeck and carried.

Review & Approve Modification for PY 2010 for Adult, Youth & Dislocated Worker Plans

Pam Furlan introduced Damon Neiggemann as Business Employment Skills Team, Inc's. (BEST, Inc.) new Chief Financial Officer.

Pam Furlan explained that we have had a large cut in funding and that although there is level funding, that does not always translate to the local level. She said that the Department of Labor (DOL) is taking funds from national allocations and putting it into funds for the Workforce Innovative Grant.

Joel Torbeck explained that the Dislocated Workers Center (DWC) is not putting any money into incumbent worker training. He said the DWC is looking to maintain the participants that are already in training under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and as they graduate and get jobs, more participants will be enrolled.

Damon Neiggemann said that last year BEST, Inc. lost \$400,000.00 all together just in formula funding. He said that with some carry-over that will get BEST, Inc. through this year. He said the program was to run through June of 2011 and Joel has to maintain the participants that are already enrolled.

Gerald asked when the DWC stopped accepting new participants. Joel told members that in December of 2009, the DWC stopped enrolling students; however, they were offering job assistance.

Joel explained that the PY2010 Adult, Youth & Dislocated Worker Plan will be available on line for public viewing.

John Fritts motioned to approve the Plan Modification for PY10 as presented. Motion was seconded by Gerald Waszkowiak and carried.

WIB Budget Report

The WIB Budget Report was disseminated to members. Lynn said that she thought funding was not provided this year. It was explained that WIA funding was being used to cover WIB obligations for the next year.

Pam said that other agencies such as IVCC, LaSalle County Housing Authority and DHS have contributed to support the Board through other than monetary means.

Other Business

Damon explained that the amount spent on our youth projects this year will be divided among 5 projects. He said that negotiations will be held soon.

Pam said that BEST, Inc. will not run any this summer due to limited funds. She said that BEST, Inc. will serve 40 youth this year in our WIA summer program. Pam said that 10 youth and 2 supervisors will be placed with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) project. She said two crews of 5 youth and 1 supervisor will be placed at Starved Rock State Park, Matthiessen State Park and Illini State Park.

Pam said that the Dale Broadway Leadership Conference will be held prior to start of the summer program. She said that participants will learn work readiness and are mandated to attend.

Public Comments

Lonnie Doan asked Joel Torbeck to discuss the Trade Act. Joel said that the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act (TGAAA) applies to participants out of work due a business closing wither by foreign competition or shifting overseas. This Act allows them to receive benefits for a longer period of time and allows the 50+ crowd to get a wage differential reimbursement from their previous position to their current position.

Edna McManus asked Damon if special consideration was going to be given to Streators' BRIDGE contract. Damon noted that it is still in negotiations.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, Lonnie Doan motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Joel Torbeck and carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Karen Keller