

**Accountability Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chairman Jim Andreoni

Members Present: Jim Andreoni, Pam Furlan, David Howell, Louie Sekula
Members Absent: Scott Harl, Dr. George Mihel
Others Present: Joel Torbeck, Carol Betts

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Pam Furlan to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2009 meeting. David Howell seconded. The motion carried.

Program Recertification:

Joel said the Program Recertification attachment is just informational.

Manpower Training Program Request:

Joel explained that Deb Clausen asked that some of the local Manpower training programs be put on the approved training list so WIA clients can use the Manpower system. Joel said that some of the Manpower offices in other districts have approved training programs. Joel explained that based on the WIA regulations Manpower does not meet the criteria, so the committee needs to follow the next step to approve programs. Joel went on to explain that the training program needs to be “in demand”, and it needs to be in a “high growth area”. If Deb can show that the Manpower training program meets the criteria, the committee needs to decide if it should be approved.

Pam said that since the Manpower office in Gurnee is currently on the state’s approved training provider list, BEST could send a client to the Gurnee office. Pam said BEST can not send client’s to Manpower in Ottawa, because the office isn’t certified.

Jim asked if the committee tables the request until Deb can give more information, if there is some other way to get the request approved. Jim said that since the committee only meets every two months Deb would have to wait until May to have a decision.

Joel said that if the committee is going to table the request, we need to specify what information is needed to make a decision. Joel continued by saying that the committee needs to see a labor market study to show that the training is in a demand market area.

Pam said that in the past, training could be deemed as “in demand” if an employer would specify that the training would be accepted in hiring someone.

Jim said that since Deb is not available tonight to present the needed information, the request cannot be acted on tonight. The committee could request that the board approve that the Executive Board act on the request when the Executive Committee meets next month.

A motion was made by Pam Furlan to table the request until Deb can submit further information regarding the Manpower training and the committee recommend that if the information from Manpower is satisfactory the Executive Committee make the decision to approve the requests. Louie Sekula seconded. The motion carried.

Other Business:

None

Public Comments:

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Scott Harl to adjourn the meeting. Louie Sekula seconded. The motion carried.

Carol Betts