

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL REGION WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA CAUCUS

June 24, 2015

Caucus Chairman Kenneth Kunze called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Commissioners present was Daniel Atwill (Boone), Gary Jungermann (Callaway), Greg Hasty (Camden), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Darrell Skiles (Dent), Larry Miskel (Gasconade), Sam Stroup (Howard), Danny Rhoades (Laclede), Ray Schwartz (Maries), Kenneth Kunze (Moniteau), Dave Dudenhoeffer (Osage), and Marvin Wright (Washington).

Commissioners absent was Steve Hobbs (Audrain), Sam Bushman (Cole), Don Baragary (Cooper), Tom Wright (Miller), James Bryant (Morgan), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), and Gene Newkirk (Pulaski).

C-WIB Chairman Bill Debo and Executive Director Jan Vaughn was present. C-WIB staff present included Alex Blackwell, Linda Gray, Jacque Moreland, and Kevin Stadler.

Self introductions were made of guest and Commissioners.

Minutes

K. Kunze asked if there was a motion to approve the November 19, 2014 minutes? R. Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes, and D. Dudenhoeffer seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

K. Kunze asked if there was a motion to approve the April 16, 2015 minutes? D. Dudenhoeffer made a motion to approve the minutes, and R. Schwartz seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

New Business

Election of Officers

K. Kunze asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Chairman and Vice Chairman. G. Jungermann made a motion to nominate Kenneth Kunze for Chairman and Ray Schwartz for Vice Chairman, Marvin Wright seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

LWIB Certification

L. Gray presented the Central Region Workforce Board membership certification/recertification. The Board's membership is usually required every two years. However, with the implementation of WIOA the criteria for Board membership certification has changed.

The Board certification/recertification needs to be in place by July 1, 2015. There are twenty three names being submitted to the state, and have all been nominated and recommended by their county commissioners or appropriate state agency . The certification form will be submitted to the state following today's meeting.

L. Gray read the list of current and proposed board member names. K. Kunze asked if there was any further discussion on the slate of board appointments? There was none. R. Schwartze made a motion to accept the WIB membership as presented, and G. Jungermann seconded; all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

CLEO Consortium Agreement

A new CLEO agreement is required to be completed and signed after every general election that includes the Presiding Commissioners. The new CLEO agreement is due by the following June 1st after these elections. The reason for the new agreement is to ensure that all the CLEOs, especially those who are newly elected, understand their roles and responsibilities under the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA). Also, the Chair and Vice Chair will need to be selected from among all of the current CLEOs. The original signed CLEO agreement must be submitted by June 30, 2015 to the Division of Workforce Development (DWD).

M. Wright made a motion to accept the CLEO Consortium Agreement, and L. Sanders seconded the motion. K. Kunze asked if there was any further discussion? There was none. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Other Business

Plan Modification Update

K. Stadler reported a plan modification is presented to the board at this time every year that consists of receiving the formula funding allocations for the Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker Programs that are distributed to the board from the Division of Workforce Development for the next program year. Planning Budget Summaries will be prepared and submitted to DWD.

A handout was given to the CLEO's that shows current funding compared to last year's funding. At today's WIB meeting the Board voted and approved the Plan Modification to incorporate the new funds into the budget planning process.

Kevin asked if there were any questions? There were none.

Monthly Financials

Jacque Moreland presented the budget for PY2014 as of May 31, 2015. The budget is a little over 7 million. Currently we are 69% expended overall. C-WIB Administrative Entity is at 99%, GAMM is at 80%, COPIC 83%, Youth (AO) is at 47%.

Included in the report are the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by line item which includes the current period actual and the current year actual, and a comparison from last year to this year so you can see the increase or decrease. Jacque added a page at the end of the report that reflects the carryover funds along with our new funds. K. Kunze asked if there was any questions on the financial report? There were none.

D. Dudenhoeffler made a motion to approve the financial budget as presented, and R. Schwartze seconded; there were no objections. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Monthly Reports

The May reports were distributed to the CLEO members in advance of the meeting, but were not individually reviewed during the meeting. K. Kunze asked if there were any questions or concerns on the monthly report. There was none.

New Projects Update

A. Blackwell reported there are two new projects we are working on. One is the Childcare Pilot Program with the Children's Division of Family Services and will be piloted in all Central Region Career Centers. The program will help the participants receive faster child care assistance determination. This may bring more people into the career centers in order to complete an FSD child care assistance application in which case we can offer other career center services as an added benefit to them. The first planning meeting is scheduled in August.

The Division of Family Services has a lot of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding. The Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill 24 which determined people being cut off from their benefits quicker and there is an increased emphasis on these individuals finding work.

The other project is a five-year grant funded through the Health and Human Services to allow additional funding for healthcare occupations.

Discussion was held on the Summer Youth Corp program and the State Parks Youth Corp program. Under WIOA the youth criteria and eligibility is changing and it will be easier to qualify.

Executive Director's Report

J. Vaughn reported that Cheri Tune, Workforce Coordinator for the Division of Workforce Development and very active in Central Region, has been named by the Missouri Economic Developmental Council (MEDC) as the 2015 Governmental Member of the year. Cheri has recently been named the director of the Certified Work Ready Communities Program at the Missouri Department of Economic Development. She will begin that role July 1. Her replacement is Nathan Beville and he will start on July 1, 2015. He will be housed out of Columbia.

Jan discussed the Equal Opportunity (EO) issues and the efforts CWIB is making. There is a lot to the EO issues, and our EO officer, Paul Dibello is doing a great job. All the regions get \$50,000 to handle the EO person's wage, benefits, and travel. When it is all done we hope our state passes with flying colors and are no longer being looked at closely by the Department of Labor.

The Division of Workforce Development (DWD) has implemented a training program statewide. The goal is to send new employees for standardized training, and current employees who need a refresher course.

J. Vaughn discussed CWIB possibly funding a labor basin study. The study would not only be for Phelps County but for the whole region. It will look at not only the unemployed but the underemployed. There are a lot of changes going on in the economy. There has been quite a few job fairs taking place with many employers that are looking to hire.

As of August 1, 2015 the new terminology for the Career Centers will be Missouri Job Center. We will then be in line with the National Job Centers mandate.

County Commissioners Report

K. Kunze asked if there were any other business or issues to be addressed? Discussion was held on current county issues and events.

Caucus Chairman Report

K. Kunze reported he attends the CWIB meetings and he is pleased that the Workforce Investment Board and staff is always working hard. He has received six letters from Amy Sublett, Director of the Division of Workforce Development (DWD) since the CLEO's last meeting. The letters are always favorable.

The next Caucus meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2015 at the Jefferson City Job Center.

K. Kunze asked if there was any other issues to be addressed. There being none, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Ray Schwartze made a motion to adjourn, and Dave Dudenhoeffer seconded; there were no objections. The Caucus adjourned at 2:15 p.m.