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Full Board Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2022

Attendance: Fran Kuhn, Sherwood Taylor (*Proxy*) Sherrise A. Moten, Dan Brown (Holly Jennings Proxy), Rick Lovering (Lillian Smith *Proxy*), James Drew, Geoffrey Dorsey, MaryAnn McGhee, Raiz Rajput, Greg Freelon, Pat Constantino, Dan Konczyk, Max Slusher, Candice Titanski, Steven Stokes, Carol Spina, Paul McClellan, Tim Kreischer, Dan Kelly (Karen Arcidiacono *Proxy*), Claire Millar, H.H Jennings (*Proxy* Dan brown)

Absent: Stephanie Koch, Charles Wimberg, Phillip Guenther, Mark Ford, Jim Connett, Neal Bellinger, Roy Foster James Burton, Forrest Gilmore, and Jon Schleifer

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Mr. Rajput at 9:05am.

Mr. Rajput proposed a motion to accept the minutes Paul M. motioned, second by Greg F.

III. Financial Report: Mr. Fata reflected the following:

The Budget Expenditure Report 7. Million dollars budget spent over 3.3. million 46 % expenditure rate. He reported four youth contracts, two in school and two out of school with a few incidental contracts reflected. Mr. Fata spoke of OJT account 233,000 in contracts. He confirmed the Global Crossing contract closed out with approximately \$140,000 in expenditures deducted off the \$233,000. Of the one-million-dollar budget WDB has approximately \$531,000 in training obligations.

The program year report 2021 will provide a detail breakdown of the \$531,000.

Enrollments 102 Completions 30 Year to date 19 Employments

18 Training related employments

2020 January

Enrollments 165 134 Completions 91 Employments

75 Training Related employments

Mr. Kreischer questioned how we can better track and receive more defined numbers. Mr. Kuhn's response was that we can make a request with Mr. Finx the Administrative Supervisor.

Motion to approval financial report by Max S. second Dan K.

Chairman Report:

Mr. Riaz spoke of volunteer services in the community to increase membership. He made a point to mention that in the future all new members must select a committee to participate in. These changes will be made in the revised



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By-Laws. Mr. Riaz asked the membership if they were interested in an Ad Hoc committee to work on updates and changes. Getting no response, he offered his contact information.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Kuhn reported on the state's shift to work-based learning with a connection to the employer. WDB has a \$210,000 dislocated worker fund to concentrate on OJT and work base learning. The state is under the impression that we will spend the money by June 30th. The WDB will receive additional funds next year. We have budgeted 500,000 in OJT and work-based learning. Incumbent worker training is another program that we are working with ACUA to train in CDL driver development. We have initiated incumbent workers program with ACUA. They have completed a cohort of five and the second cohort has eight. We will offset half the cost for the CDL training. We did receive funding in the amount of \$184,800 for the summer youth program, to employ sixty youth for 25 hours per week.

Mr. Kuhn continued to share the award of two WFNJ contracts of over 1 million dollars. The first contract is with Atlantic Cape Community College to provide virtual services through Conover. They must do a comprehensive social assessment first and our case managers will forward a referral.

Final note the Unemployment clerks will be returning back to the One Stop. There are twelve sites in New Jersey, two of which are in Pleasantville and Camden County. Mr. Kuhn has a follow up with DOL to sure up the information.

Literacy report: The Chair Pat C. was unavailable for this meeting. Mr. Kuhn reported that digital literacy is on the radar and the Atlantic City Public Library has a grant that will fulfill the requirements.

Youth Report: G. Freelon provided the report. He updated the summer program and shared the new development of a new RFP from Youth Works Supervisor Cynthia. Mr. Freelon spoke about enrollments numbers and increased career fields at the Boys and Girls Club coming soon i. e. surf safe culinary training. Mr. Freelon added that the ACIT is looking for sixty plus hires. The NJ Youth Corp is progressing with a third cohort as part of the Urban Gateway Grant.

Healthcare Committee: Lilian Smith provided update from meeting which discussed shortages in healthcare positions. The partnership with Stockton that did not occur. Atlanticare struggles with lab and respiratory positions. These positions do not have any training program in the local area. They will continue discussing apprenticeship programs.

Oversight Committee: Mr. Kuhn report In- school Youth and Out School Youth contracts would have to be considered for an adjustment with funding. He reported more discussion on the RFP with more discussion on the Department of Family services without mandates in place.

Business Development: Mr. Slusher reported the unemployment rate is 7.2% in Atlantic County and 9000 unemployed. He continued to discuss the lack of people for jobs and the lack of housing. The president has agreed to take in 100k people into this country from Ukraine. D. Konczyk offered several jobs that have increase starting salaries. Including ACME. Dan also mentioned a cannabis increase in Atlantic County and they are looking for



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individuals to work in the industry. He concluded with mentioning the J-1 will not be coming into the area. Jim D. also discuss a large job fair on April 5-6. At the Borgata casino with serval opening in all areas.

Disability Committee: Mr. Kuhn reported we do not have a Chair, but we will have someone installed by the June meeting. The meeting update included WDB engaging the disabled population with work opportunity in businesses in the area. He explained the difficult balance between working and receiving SSI and/or SSD. C. Titanski requested WDB refer the clients that are interested in working to DVR that can provide counseling service.

Membership Committee: Mr. Kuhn included the nomination for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer will be coming to the board members and lead by the Membership Committee.

T. Kreischer knowledge that he wanted to take a tour of the facility at FAA.

Mr. Kuhn discussed the report that was submitted to the committee prior to the meeting. He included how many are employed in that area including the youth.

Mr. Kuhn updated information with new and old board members.

Motion to adjourned meeting at 10:15am with a motion by Paul M seconded by Greg F.

Next meeting June 16, 2022. Changed to June 23rd at the Borgata.