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Workforce Investment Council

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Poydras Building (LA Department of Insurance) – Poydras Hearing Room
1702 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Todd McDonald called to order the regular meeting of the Workforce Investment Council meeting at **9:33am** on September 19, 2017 at the Poydras Building (LA Department of Insurance) – Poydras Hearing Room, 1702 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

II. Swearing in of new members: Erin Monroe-Wesley performed the swearing in of the Board members. All members of the WIC Board took the oath of service.

III. WIC Director Kellie Taylor-White conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Number in attendance: 39 at 9:40 am.

Obtained forum: yes, present at 9:40 am 5 more members attended the meeting a few minutes after roll call. A total of 44 members were in attendance.

WIC Director, Kellie Taylor-White explained the meaning of the binders the WIC board members received.

IV. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

WIC Director Kellie Taylor-White reviewed minutes.

REQUESTED EDITS

Charles Moniotte requested edits. Edits have been submitted to secretary.

As to the minutes of the previous meeting, I have the following comments for correction:

1). Item No. 9. I “asked” Erin Monroe Wesley if she would coordinate with the Governor’s Legal Team to them to present at the next WIC meeting the responsibilities of both the WIC members and the WIC Director.

2). Item No. 10. I asked at the next WIC meeting for the LWC and the contributing State Agencies provide their activity in compliance with State of La. WIOA Combined State Plan. This plan was approved by the WIC at a previous meeting.

Louis Reine edit request:

1. Change Louis name from Louise to Louis.

Motioned to accept as edited vote unanimous

1st : Louis Reine

2nd : James Ray Barker

Vote to Review and approve previous minutes was unanimous.

- V. Comments from Chair – Todd McDonald: Thanked everyone for attending, governor staff and supporters, stated he will uphold leadership. Gave background information about himself, personal and business.

VI. Recognition of previous Chair

Presented Mr. Charles Moniotte a presentation from the Governor's office. Louis spoke about Charles' time as chairman. Commended him on his service as the WIC Board Chairman. Erin Monroe-Wesley assisted in presenting him with a plaque.

VII. Occupational Forecast Conference

WIC Director, Kellie Taylor-White gave a description of the OFC committee. She also discussed the process of submitting the 3 nominees to the governor. Louis Reine nominated three WIC Board members:

1. Todd McDonald
2. Mike Palamone
3. Buck Vandersteen

. No other board members submitted nominees.
Unanimously accepted

VIII. Louisiana Economic Development Board

WIC Director, Kellie Taylor-White gave a description of the LED Committee. Louis Reine nominated three WIC Board members:

1. Todd McDonald
2. Buck Vandersteen
3. Bruce Busada

. No other board members submitted nominees
Unanimously accepted

IX. Presentation From JAG

Dianne Keller (Supervisor of Transitional Support Programs) presented a PowerPoint presentation on "What is JAG" Ms. Keller shared information such as JAG's purpose, success, future goals, and locations throughout the state. She also informed the meeting attendees that Louisiana is looking to have 113 programs.

Questions:

1. David St Etienne asked the question regarding Orleans Parish not being on the list of participating parishes. Ms. Keller explained the lack of participation in Orleans Parish. Ms. Thelma French stated that Orleans Parish had JAG program participation prior to the Katrina Hurricane in August of 2005, possibly the lack of participation is due to the current school system structure in Orleans parish. Ms. French also stated the schools in Orleans Parish will return to the Orleans Parish School Board in July 2018.
2. Rep. Patricia Hayes Smith asked, Is there any follow-up performed? Ms. Keller informed the members that there is 12 months of follow-up after a participant had completed the program.

Ava Dejoie, Director of Louisiana Workforce Commission – stated that WIOA Out-Of-School Youth program is expanding through federal funding. She also stated we are working with WDB Directors and have an Out of School Youth job fair happening at local offices throughout the state September 21, 2017. Large companies such as Wal-Mart will be hiring for seasonal positions that can lead to permanent employment.

Ms. Keller stated she will reach out to Orleans Parish Schools and follow up with Mr. David Etienne.
(See attached documents)

Kellie will resend the list of programs to all WIC members.

[See PowerPoint Presentation attached.](#)

X. Presentation from New Orleans Workforce Development Board

Thelma French and Ashleigh Gardere:
Presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Thelma French introduced Ms. Ashleigh Gardere who proceeded to present the presentation. Ms. Gardere discussed topics such as A Fractured System-Working in Silos, Data Driven Decision making- Innovations in Workforce Development, Performance Accountability, Lessons Learned, Results, Strategic Plan, New Orleans Workforce Development System, STRIVE, etc.

QUESTIONS:

1. Sen. Appel inquired about matrix on how we are dealing with the 70% of participants that had high school diplomas and the 30%-40% that felt they did not have what they needed to obtain employment.
Ashleigh Gardere stated the work readiness program is making a difference.
2. Sen. Appel also questioned the economic issue with the number of jobs and the number of trained people mix match.
Ashleigh Gardere stated that GNO Inc. has provided data that helps with forecasting for training program to meeting the need of filling available jobs.
1. Rep. Patricia Hayes-Smith asked, What is STRIVE?. Ashleigh Gardere explained the program. It is a 4 week work readiness prep program.

Ms. Thelma French closed out by commending Ms. Ashleigh Gardere on her accomplishments.

[See PowerPoint Presentation attached.](#)

LWC Executive Director Ave Dejoie – recognized all of the Workforce Development Board Directors that attended the meeting.

Assistant Secretary, Director of OWD, Shannon Joseph introduced all of the attending WDB Directors:

- Terri Mitchell - LWIA 83
- Nada Attaway- LWIA 70
- Cynthia Douglas - LWIA 21
- Stephanie Seemion - LWIA 51
- Alice White - LWIA 11
- Tommy Scott - LWIA 14
- Doretha Bennett - LWIA 81
- Tammie Washington – LWIA 12
- Gay Stringer – LWIA 60

WDB Director LWIA 83 Terri Mitchell spoke about the Healthcare jobs initiative that is at work in her region. She stated over 40 healthcare providers participate in their Sector Partnership.

XI. Presentation by Director of WIC:

WIC Director Kellie Taylor-White presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. She also stated all bios have been updated on LWC and Division of Administration websites. WIC Director Kellie Taylor-White stated 18 of the 19 sets on the WIC Board were officially filled.

She also reviewed action items that have been completed since the last meeting. The next meeting date for IBC meeting has been set for, October 11, 2017 invites will go out today.

XII. Motion to expand agenda:

Motion	Expand Agenda 1st Louis Reine
Second	Susan Nelson

Votes of the WIC

Date: September 19, 2017		Agenda Item: XII				
Issue: Expand Agenda						
Motion: Expand agenda to add WIC voting proposed by Louis Reine; WIC Board to send letter to local Workforce Development Board Director encouraging them to reach out to DCFS to help kids in the foster care system.						
statute #	Title	First Nam	Last Nam	Ellen #	Designee	Al□tain

1st Motion: **Louis Reine**
2nd Motion: **Susan Nelson**

Abstentions?: Yes None
Opposition?: Yes None
Approved: Yes None

Unanimous vote

XIII. Letter to WDB Directors

Motion	Motion to have WIC Board send a letter to the WDB Directors encouraging them to make a special effort to reach out to DCFS to help kids in the Foster Care System. 1st Louis Reine
Second	Susan Nelson

Votes of the WIC						
Date: September 19, 2017			Agenda Item: XIII			
Issue: WDB Directors to assist DCFS with helping Foster Care Kids						
Motion: WIC board member will send a letter to WDB directors encouraging them to reach out to DCFS to help kids in the Foster Care System.						
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1st Motion: **Louis Reine**
 2nd Motion: **Susan Nelson**

Abstentions?: Yes None
 Opposition?: Yes None
 Approved: Yes None

Unanimous vote

XIV. Other Business:

1. Rep. Patricia Hayes-Smith requested a meeting with WIC Chairman Todd McDonald to establish something to look at the Healthcare positions in our state. WIC Chairman Todd McDonald agreed to meet with Rep. Hayes-Smith.
2. Sen. Appel asked a question about OFC data on longevity of construction jobs and wages. Sachin Chintawar responded and stated construction jobs are decreasing. He spoke on the trends and focuses on demand of employment. He also stated he does not have predictions on wages and no projections on future wages. Sachin stated construction job will continue at a slow pace, healthcare and manufacturing industries are growing.
3. Louis Reine asked about transition workforce as it pertains to U.I. Sachin Chintawar that type of information
4. Buck Vandersteen –Construction jobs in Baton Rouge had picked up. Sachin Chintawar stated he will try and capture construction jobs in Texas.

Kellie please remember to

XV. Public comments:

Dr. Lisa Vosper stated the Board of Regions is moving forward in acknowledging the Curt Eysink Workforce Scholarship.

XVI. Adjournment: Ms. Thelma French motioned to adjourn meeting
WIC Chairman Todd McDonald adjourned meeting at 11:35 am.