

Region 13 WorkSource Oregon
Board Meeting

Friday, February 29, 2008
Union-Baker ESD
9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Bob Keyser, Chair
Kathy Gover-Shaw, Vice-Chair
Kolleen Carrel
Linda Childers

PUBLIC PARTNERS

Debbie Gargalis, OED
Jennifer Hills, BMCC
Teri Simonis, TEC

RESOURCE PARTNERS

Jason Yohannan, OED

GUESTS

Brian C. Papineau, OED

STAFF

Tara Bishop

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Keyser welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 9:15am. Introductions were made by all attending. There was not a quorum present.

Due to the lack of a quorum the minutes were not approved; however, a correction in the spelling of Teri Berry's name was noted and the correction has been made.

II. VETERAN PRESENTATION

Brian Papineau, Oregon Employment Department Veteran Representative, discussed his role in helping the Veteran population. Brian explained he provides assistance to Veterans to help them overcome barriers to employment. He spends time networking with Veterans and doing case management to help make them employable. He discussed The Veterans Workforce Investment Program which provides funding for short-term training to help with the barriers Veterans encounter. Brian explained that he is having difficulty getting information about the program out to Veterans and employers. Brian reminded the Board that Oregon will be deploying between 3000-4500 in the year 2010 and that this is bound to have an impact on our workforce.

Jennifer Hills, BMCC, has been working with Brian to get Veterans into the apprenticeship program and Kathy Gover-Shaw said that she would have two immediate openings.

The Board discussed ways to market the program.

III. VETERAN AND LABOR REPRESENTATION UPDATE

The Board discussed utilizing Brian Papineau as the Veteran representative for the R13WSO. This item will be on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

IV. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Strategy #6: Debbie reported that the High School Career Day went well and that the school and The Oregon Employment Council were very supportive. Twenty-seven employers participated.

A survey was given to employers and students after the event and both thought the event was successful but some recommendations for changes were received. Subway donated sandwiches for the post-event meeting.

The Board discussed the possibility of in the future inviting all high schools within Baker County as well as duplicating the event in Union and Wallowa counties. Also there was discussion on having a skit or guest motivational speaker on the main stage the next time the event is held.

Kathy Gover-Shaw reported she is in the process of hiring five students from the event.

The eight grade career fair will be held on April 11th for Baker and Grant Counties and April 25th for Union and Wallowa Counties. Twenty-seven employers (to-date) will be participating. The Board discussed how this event fits well with strategy #6.

Kolleen Carrel reported that they have been working with ESD and are in the beginning stages of providing CNA training at the high school. The program will be open to seniors and will hopefully begin in fall of 2009.

Strategy #9: There was no report at this time but the committee is preparing to have their first meeting in the near future.

V. PRIVATE SECTOR DISCUSSION

Jason Yohannan did some research on soft skills and motivating younger workers and provided a hand-out to the Board. The hand-out provides a list of web-sites that can be accessed for ideas on how to address this problem. Tara will e-mail the hand-out to the full Board.

VI. MISSION STATEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Debbie Gargalis reported that the committee did not have the opportunity to meet but in an effort to keep things moving she did some brainstorming and came up with the following Mission Statement: *Promoting the vitality of our communities through workforce initiatives.* Tara will e-mail the draft statement to the full Board for comments.

VII. EMPLOYER WORKFORCE TRAINING FUND UPDATE

Teri Simonis reported that there has not been a quorum to date; therefore, no additional projects have been approved. She also shared that there have been more applications received than they have money available.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Teri Simonis and Debbie Gargalis provided an update on the status of the OED and Title IB alignment project which is progressing rapidly. This will result in a new program design in which all Title IB and OED participants will be common participants for the two agencies and the focus will be on upgrading participant skills via a project box. The Oregon Consortium and Oregon Workforce Alliance will be the entity that provides oversight.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

NEXT MEETING

April 11th, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Union-Baker ESD

Island City, OR