



NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS BOARD

JANUARY 5, 2018

9:00-10:30 AM

1ST SOURCE BANK BUILDING

VENTURA ROOM

200 E. MAIN STREET

FORT WAYNE 46802

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darlene Stanley, Keith Davis, Doug Bauman, Leslie Crist, Alan Duff, Darryl Esterline, Jane Gresham, Tim Hartigan, Leroy Jackson, Jeff Kellam, Mark Michael, John Sampson, Rick Sherck, Chris Straw and Sandy Widener.

STAFF PRESENT: Kathleen Randolph, Andrea Bolinger, Rick Farrant, Karen Green, Anne Meadors, Edmond O'Neal, Lori Rice and Beth Suman.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Darlene Stanley called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda/Financial Report

The minutes of the October 13, 2017 meeting and the financial report were provided in the packet of advance materials. John Sampson moved to approve the consent agenda and financial report. Jeff Kellam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Guest Presentation

Tina Hamrick, Registered Nurse/Clinical Specialist at Parkview Physicians Group, talked about her rise to success, which included help from WorkOne Northeast with interview techniques, resume development and financial assistance so she could finish her work toward becoming an RN and seek full-time employment. She was recently promoted at Parkview.

IV. Prime Numbers Presentation

Rachel Blakeman, director of the Community Research Institute at IPFW, gave a county-by-county report on educational attainment in northeast Indiana. Her report also showed the relationship between educational attainment and wages, as well as ethnic disparities in educational attainment. The topics generated significant discussion among board members.

V. Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD)-Dashboard Metrics

Edmond O'Neal, president of Northeast Indiana Works, briefed board members on a performance dashboard being developed by DWD. In its current form, the dashboard will include focuses on employer engagement, talent pipeline management, efficiency, percent of clients enrolled in services, educational attainment, and wage gains.

VI. Elected Official's Remarks

Doug Bauman reinforced the importance of educational attainment.

VII. Board Chair's Remarks

Stanley reported on a phone conversation she had with Fred Payne, DWD's new commissioner. She said Payne was impressed with the collaborative nature of northeast Indiana and asked to meet with the Northeast Indiana Works board.

She also noted that Gov. Eric Holcomb has been elected chair of the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) national board of directors.

VIII. Other

Keith Davis inquired about the future of building trades employment and Darryl Esterline said it looked bright, based on expected construction projects and collective bargaining agreements that have been reached.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

(The next meeting of the board will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. April 6, 2018 at 200 E. Main St., Suite 910, Fort Wayne.)