



NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS BOARD

MARCH 6, 2015

9:00 – 10:30 A.M.

NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS OFFICES

200 E. MAIN STREET

FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Davis, Doug Bauman, Larry Gerardot, Jane Gresham, Tim Hartigan, Leroy Jackson, Mark Michael, John Niederman, Joe Peters, Jac Price, Darlene Stanley, Chris Straw, Nathan Subler and Sandy Widener.

STAFF PRESENT: Kathleen Randolph, Rick Farrant, Gary Gatman, Karen Green, Anne Meadors, Edmond O’Neal, Lori Rice, Kent Sellers and Beth Suman.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Keith Davis called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present. Davis noted that Indiana Department of Workforce Development Commissioner Steve Braun had intended to attend the meeting, but was unable to make it.

II. Consent Agenda

The minutes of the January 9, 2015 meeting were provided to the board in the packet of advance materials. Tim Hartigan moved that the minutes be approved. Leroy Jackson seconded the motion. The minutes carried unanimously.

III. Presentation: ALICE Report, United Way of Allen County

David Nicole, president and CEO of United Way of Allen County (UWAC), and Gayle Goodrich, director of labor and community services for UWAC, presented highlights of the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) report for the region. The report illustrated the struggles of some region residents who are employed but nevertheless find it difficult to afford basic needs. Nicole said United Way is concentrating on two questions: Who else needs to see the report and how is the report going to be utilized? The presentation generated significant board discussion. Kathleen Randolph said the report will become foundational for Northeast Indiana Works and she suggested that a collaborative approach to solutions be developed between United Way and the workforce system. Nicole expressed an interest in partnering with Northeast Indiana Works.

IV. Financial Report

Beth Suman gave an overview of the financial report spanning July 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. She noted that \$400,000 of \$1 million in “hold-back” money has been added to participant-related cost categories; \$600,000 is being kept in reserve. She also noted that travel expenses are expected to continue exceeding budget, largely because of costs associated with staff travel for implementation planning related to the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Jac Price moved that the financial report be approved. Doug Bauman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Metrics Report

Gary Gatman gave an overview of the Region 3 metrics report, specifically making note of the 20,487 job openings posted on Indiana Career Connect and explaining updated metrics for adult education activities. He also briefly discussed a report updating Northeast Indiana Works sector partnership and career pathway activities.

VI. Board Chair's Remarks

Davis said the board will invite Commissioner Braun to a future board meeting.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

(The next meeting of the board will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. June 5 at the same location – 200 E. Main St., Suite 910, Fort Wayne.)