

# WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

## FULL BOARD

Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2006

**Call To Order** – 3:30 PM by Phillip L. Lucas, Vice Chair.

### **Present**

Karen Escobedo  
Ted Gooding  
Nancy Chiorazzi  
William Hoey  
Michele Hutchison  
Leroy Lloyd  
Linda Murtagh  
Phillip L. Lucas  
Fred Schneeweiss  
Victoria Pecchioli  
William Sette  
Diane Tomarchio

### **Absent**

Nina Anuario  
William Coyne  
John Dorrity  
Wendy Edelson  
Karen Escobedo  
Raymond Green  
Lucy Greene  
Dr. Robert Hazlett  
William Hoey, Jr.  
Emil Kaunitz  
Jane Palaia  
Clark Paradise  
Michael Pitch  
Koleen Singerline  
Maureen Stankowitz  
Dr. Bruce Greenfield  
Zalman Raber  
Wyatt Earp

### **Staff**

Jill Perez  
Pat Leahey  
Willow D. Damato

Bob Adessa for Laura Benson, Esq.  
Guest: Lucille Brown

Minutes done by: Willow D. Damato

### **Roll Call**

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Ted Gooding and seconded by William Sette to accept the April 11, 2006 meeting minutes. With a voice vote the motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Literacy** -. The Literacy Committee met on May 16, 2006. Pat Leahey informed the Committee that the GED Test Center was up and running and the first group of test takers were scheduled to take the test the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May. There is a waiting list for the test and OCC is looking to see how they can offer more test opportunities. The official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Test Center will be at 10:00 am on June 13, Nancy Chiorazzi presented the Ocean County Adult Education Consortium's plan of service for next year to the Committee and a discussion ensued regarding increased services. The NGO for Title II Adult Education funds is due to NJLWD on June 7, 2006. A motion was made by Agnes Hebler and seconded by Pat Snyder to approve the Consortium's plan for service. The Ocean County Library, LVA of Ocean County, Even

Start, Workforce Learning Links, Catholic Charities and Ocean County Adult Education Advisory Council provided updates on literacy and adult education programs in the County.

**Youth Investment Council** - Ted Gooding reported that the Youth Investment Council met on May 16, 2006 and representatives for the following schools presented a program summary for their FY 07 Perkins grant applications:

- Central Regional School District
- Ocean County College
- Ocean County Vocational Technical School
- Pinelands Regional School District
- Jackson Township School District

Additional schools that could not attend the meeting provided a program summary and documentation regarding their respective programs

- Lacey Township School District
- Lakewood Township School District
- Toms River Regional School District

The Youth Investment Council recommended that all of the applications be submitted to the Board for consideration.

A motion was made by Michele Hutchison and seconded by William Sette that the FY 07 Perkins applications presented to the Youth Investment Council be recommended for funding in FY 07.

**Membership Committee** – Ted Gooding reported that the Committee met in April and announced the slate of officers for PY 2006 Nina Anuario, Chair and Phillip Lucas, Vice Chair at the April 11, 2006 meeting as specified in the by laws. A motion was made by Ted Gooding and seconded by Fred Schneeweiss to accept the slate, with a voice vote the motion carried. The PY 2006 officers were congratulated.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Pat Leahey reported to the Board that the Department of Labor and Workforce Development has provided the following funding planning estimates for PY 06 for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 through June 30, 2007. These estimates are contingent on LWD receiving adequate funding in the FY 2007 Appropriations Act and through Federal allocations.

### **WIA Planning Estimates**

Adult - \$604,545  
Youth - \$546,516  
Dislocated Worker - \$573,829  
WL Link - \$131,168

### **WFNJ Planning Estimates**

TANF Case Management - \$137,181  
TANF Work Activities - \$744,469  
TANF – Work Activities (S) \$195,931  
EEI/CAVP - \$60,235  
GA Work Activities - \$150,352

Michele Hutchison added that the state had a 36% cut in funding while locally the funding cut was 34%. This is a dramatic cut for the dislocated worker program. These are the clients who are collecting unemployment insurance and who need to get re-trained and back into the workforce quickly. There was also a 19% cut in Adult and

Youth funding. The WFNJ Planning Estimates are consistently down. The only increase in the Workforce Learning Link funds (Literacy funds) where there was a 48% increase in the funds.

WIA reauthorization is still stalled in the Senate. The focus of advocacy at the national and local levels had been shifted to the House and the debate over the FY07 budget. Included in the member's packets are the individuals who have sent letters to Senators and Congressmen in response to our request for support for Ocean County's One-Stop system. There is no time frame for these letters to be sent in, so requests are still being made for individuals to send them in.

Over the past several months a TANF reauthorization steering committee and five sub committees comprised of local and state representatives have been meeting to discuss and identify changes to the WFNJ program that will enable the State to meet the 50% Federal participation rate beginning in October 06. As these committees wind down over the next month, the planning will shift to the local areas to determine how to implement the changes to ensure that each area meets the 50% rate. Over the past year we have vacillated between a 20 and 30% participation rate.

Ocean County PIC recently concluded its procurement process for the PY 06. The procurement process included the selection of providers for literacy services, WFNJ work activities and youth program services.

Ocean County PIC is still seeking worksites for the summer portion of its PY 06 youth program. The program runs from July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 through August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The Ocean County Adult Education Consortium submitted its FY 07 grant application to the State for education services to Ocean County residents for the period July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 and ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

### **New Business**

Ted Gooding suggested to the Committee on checking on the by-laws. Phillip L. Lucas has been Vice-Chair for three years, can he now serve as a Chair or does he have to step down. Pat Leahey is going to check the by-laws on this information. Phillip Lucas also suggested that an additional Vice Chair should be added to the Board.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business to report at this time.

### **COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No comments or announcements at this time.

**Adjournment** – With there being no further business to discuss a motion for adjournment was made by Fred Schneewiss and seconded by Ted Gooding, all approved and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45PM.