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Workforce Development Full Board Meeting
9am September 22nd 2016 Stockton University

Members:

Bill DeJesus (Proxy)	Dan Konczyk	Riaz Rajput
Holly Jennings (Proxy)	Fran Kuhn	Candace Titanski
Michael Greco	Richard Lovering	John Risley Freeholder
James M. (Proxy)	Stephanie Koch	Maureen Walls
Joe Kelly	Elizabeth Denham	Paul McClellan

Staff:

Rhonda Lowery
John Fata
Alicia Oatman

The Full Board meeting at Stockton University was called to order @9:25am by the Chair Mr. Riaz Rajput. Approval of minutes: Richard Lovering made a motion to approve June 2016 minutes and Fran Kuhn 2nd.

Financial Report-John Fata reported that PY 16 Total revenue is \$9,090,742, our local area budget is \$8,059,737 of which the monies are good until 2017. Mr. Fata reports that 11% of customer were employed and 18% are in training (see financial handout). The financial report was motioned and approved by Mr. Kuhn and Mr. McClellan. Mr. R. Rajput added that there has been great effort made regarding the NEG grant.

Ms. Lowery gave an introduction of our guest Employment/Training Specialist and WIOA Specialist Technical Support Staff Maureen Wall from NJLWD. Ms. Wall gave an overview of her roll and or duties. Ms. Wall is in the process of setting up a training for all One Stop staff regarding WIOA Policies. Ms. Lowery added that we welcome Ms. Walls as we are elated to have a liaison for WIOA and look forward to working with her. There are two other guest with us today in the persons of Greg Durham and Ira Weisman of Aviation Administration. Mr. Ira Weisman Presentation: There is a need for 650,000 Technicians to support the airlines.

(Click on the attachment to review the PowerPoint presentation)



Aviation Academy
at KACY 9-21-16 WDI

Here are few facts: Aviation excites youth and there are only 600 companies in this area that offer an aviation program. This program was instituted 7yrs ago which offers role models. Mr. Greg Durham added that transportation is offered for participants to get to and from the program. Mr. Kelly asked the location of their business contacts and are they looking into the private sector. Mr. Durham responded that it's about numbers and our company is in the process of acquiring that. Mr. Weisman also added that they are focused on trainees getting employed upon completion of school and yes we are going to reach out to the private sector. Mr. Greco asked if they have spoken to anyone at the FAA Tech Center and Mr. Weisman informed the Board that Ms. Shelly is their contact person. Mr. Greco stated that he would be able to assist. Mr. Kuhn asked if there is an internship/extern piece and Mr. Weisman responded yes

there is. Ms. Stephanie Koch asked if they are targeting in school or out of school youth and Mr. Weisman responded that they are targeting any youth that is in need of a GED, HS Diploma, and any displaced worker. Ms. Koch then asked what type of certificate and or degree will the youth graduate with; Mr. Weisman added that upon completion their scores are transferable to other schools in order to further their training and education to obtain a degree. We are in the process of putting together an Advisory Board and we are hopeful that the Workforce Development Board will fund \$10,000 per student for this 18 months Training Course. Freeholder John Risley stated that Atlantic County is committed to assist along with making a commitment to fund money for a lease or vacant building as we have done for Cumberland Salem Counties. Ms. Rhonda Lowery also stated that this is the opportune time to invite Aviation Administration due the closings of the Casino's. Workforce Development does not fund trainings past 12 months therefore this will have to be presented and approved by the State. As our Regional Plan is being completed I will include this in our Local Plan. Please email Alicia Oatman or myself with your input for our plans. The Plans are due October 3rd 2016 and will be distributed for public comment by November. The Final draft will go to the State in December. This is a vital part of this process and will be presented the Board for approval.

We have to put out a bid for the One Stop Operators position. This can be done in two ways:

1. Bid one position
2. Bid the entire operation of the One Stop

I believe that the best way is to bid one position for the following reason: If we bid the entire operation this could possibly end jobs for the entire current staff as it has happened in the past. As the Board we need your input. This is effective July 2017 and the bid must be out soon. Ms. Stephanie Koch asked if this is a person or entity and Ms. Lowery responded that it could be either. Ms. Lowery states that she is hoping to have this Bid our by March therefore Mr. Riaz Rajput suggested that we discuss this at the next Board meeting. Ms. Lowery states that we are looking for guidance from the State, I also want to inform the Board that Dr. Pete Mora is retiring and his reception will be held in October; he has been a great support to the Board and we wish him well. There are two things that we need to vote on, however we don't have the quorum to do so therefore a fax poll will be sent on the following: The Healthcare Committee has agreed to the lowering of TABE test scores for CNA to a 7th grade level also abiding the previous Federal guidelines for Income Level for training grants. Mr. Riaz Rajput asked the Board members to please review the fax polls and respond ASAP.

Committee Updates:

Ms. Elizabeth Denham Disabilities Committee Chair spoke on the upcoming Awards Brunch to be held on October 5th 2016. Ms. Denham informed the Board that all members of the Board are free to attend the brunch without cost. Adding that she looks forward to seeing all that can attend.

Mr. Joseph Kelly Business Development Committee Chair gave a presentation of the NEG Taskforce Plan. Mr. Kelly stated that we are on track with our next meeting being held on October 7th 2016 of which we will have our first draft of the plan and on October 20th 2016 we should have the final draft.

Old Business:

Ms. Lowery informed the Board that Mr. James Drew will be our new Vice Chair of the Executive Board and will be sworn in on December 15th 2016

Meeting Adjourned: 10:52am

