

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF September 11, 2012 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Hooper, Chairman, called to order the regular meeting of the St. Lawrence County Workforce Investment Board at the Best Western in Canton.

Members Present: Jack Backus, Sue Caswell, Chris Cooper, Rich Daddario, Don Hooper, Dr. Joseph Kennedy, Ron McDougall, Lisa McKeel, Pete Reiter, Ryan Schermerhorn, Karen St. Hilaire, and Ellie Sullivan-Stripp.

Others Present: Lori Barr, Dee Burlingame, Jean Hantz, Tom Plastino, Chris Rediehs, Penny Scott, and Dave Sickler.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Mr. Backus, Vice-Chairman, requested a moment of silence to remember the people that lost their lives and the people still risking theirs fighting for our country.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Daddario/Backus move to accept the June 13, 2012 meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Director Report: Mr. Plastino reported on National Manufacturing Day to be held locally on October 5, 2012. Events will be held throughout the three North Region WIBs to draw attention to the need for young people to consider careers in manufacturing. The unifying concept for all three WIBs will be the relationship between the academics of the study of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and awareness of the changing aspects of occupations within the manufacturing field that incorporate STEM. Local school personnel, such as middle school and high school guidance counselors, will be invited to talk with local manufacturers and to listen to a panel discussion from local companies such as NuMed, Corning etc. Clarkson is helping to organize this day and the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES will also be involved.

Mr. Plastino also acknowledged that the North Country Council's strategic plan is lacking in meaningful goals and sources of funding for Workforce Development. This weakness is recognized but the sources of funding are minimal, limiting the effectiveness of the Workforce Committee.

The emphasis of the Workforce Committee this year will be to collect data not readily available through normal sources. This year the Workforce Committee will be comprised of the three WIB's, Clarkson MBA student teams, several community colleges around the region. We are also looking for additional membership.

One-Stop Manager Report: Ms. Hantz reported that she has received the WIA Common Measures End of the Year Report from NYS. She explained the report and that St. Lawrence County has met all required goals.

Financial Manager Report: Ms. Scott explained the WIB Budget that was distributed. Ms. Scott explained the resolution approving the budget modification.

Youth Report: Ms. Burlingame reported about the success of the 2012 Summer Youth Program. Participation and completion was high this year and included more clients in remote areas. In addition, there were more sites that participated this year.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

Old Business

Approving Budget Modification: Ms. Scott explained a resolution modifying the PY 12 WIA budget.

Resolution Modifying the PY 12 WIA Budget: Daddario/Caswell; approved unanimously.

New Business

Adopting Local Plan: Mr. Plastino and Ms. Hantz explained the requirements for the Local Plan the steps taken preparing it.

Resolution Adopting Local Plan: Daddario/St. Hilaire; approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Mr. Hooper reminded everyone that the next full WIB meeting will be December 12, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Moved Daddario/St. Hilaire; the meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m. by unanimous consent.