

KWIB Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2011

Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority
Frankfort, Kentucky

Members Present

Benny Adair, Commissioner Beth Brinly, Rick Christman, James Cole, Secretary Mark Brown, Hugh Haydon, Secretary Larry Hayes, Secretary Larry Hayes, DR. Terry Holiday (Debra Tankersley) Kimberly Huston, Robert King, Herb Krase, Robert Lekites (Tom Volta), Roger Marcum, Heidi Margulis, Michael McCall (Donna Davis), Senator Vernie McGaha, (Darryl McGaha), Secretary Joseph Meyer, Dr. Lara Needham, Col. Mark Needham, Kelly Nuckols, Dr. Judith Rhoads, Daryl Smith, Tom Zawacki.

Staff Present

Wanda Beasley, Ebony Whiteside, Tom West

CALL TO ORDER

Hugh Haydon, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

ACTIONS

The Rapid Response redesign was removed from the agenda and replaced with Sec. Meyer addressing House changes on the Workforce Development Program.

Motion made by Kim Huston and seconded by Sec. Hayes to approve the minutes of the November KWIB meeting. Motion approved.

Motion made by James Cole and seconded by Kelly Nuckols to approve the MOU for Gateways College Healthcare Training Grant. Motion approved.

Motion made by Tom Zawacki and seconded by Benny Adair to authorize the Executive Committee to review the State Plan and approve on the Board's behalf. Motion approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Hugh Haydon, Sector Strategies Champion, introduced Rick Maher of Maher and Maher. Rick reported on the progress of the Sector Strategies project and indicated that the Steering Committee was scheduled to meet the next day and determine the priority sectors statewide.

James Cole, Rapid Response Champion, introduced Bill Monterosso who reported on the Rapid Response Redesign project.

Kim Huston, User Friendly Services Champion, introduced Stuart Johnston and Greg Dempsy. The two guests provided an update on progress of the “Burning Glass” project and discussed other changes to the system’s on line presence.

Hugh Haydon addressed Committee oversight and asked for the Committee Chairs to update the board on projects under their oversight, as well as, extended the invitation for other board members to serve on committees.

Laura Needham reported that the Employees Committee has not recently met. Roger Marcum reported that the Partnership Committee has met not recently. Crystal Gibson was not present to report on the Employers Committee.

REPORTS

Local WIB Chairs Meeting – Roger Marcum reported. The overall view was that meeting was successful despite a small turnout due to weather. Everyone present agreed that the High Performance Workforce Investment Board project will bring re-energized and more focused boards, increasing the presence and influence of the local boards in the communities. It was also noted that orientation and training is needed for new board chairs. Daryl Smith commented that there is stress at the local level but it is causing a new outlook to be brought about and requested that the Board to keep local staff in mind; maintain a proper balance between challenging the local boards but not breaking them.

Workforce Development Program U.S. House Update – *(staff prohibited from lobbying or engaging in influencing discussion that may be made at the congressional level)*. Sec. Meyer reported. The House continuing resolution would cut WIA funding \$47,158, 000 and would cause the Commonwealth real pain; 20,000 clients would lose services; those on the waiting list would not get services; new training would not be provided, local workforce investment boards would have to lay off 340 staff persons; three to four One Stops would potentially close; the Governor’s Statewide Reserve fund would be cut by \$4.6 million; and KCTCS would take a multi-million dollar hit.

Hugh Haydon asked the Board what action can be taken to engage in discussion with Congress and suggested a letter explaining the impact be sent from the Board to members of the Kentucky Congressional Delegation.

Heidi Margulis stated that if a letter was decided upon it would need to say what is being done to increase efficiency and effectiveness and to include good outcomes.

Judith Rhoads suggested that the impact on jobs be included as well.

Sec. Hayes commented on the importance of jobs to be mentioned as well.

Benny Adair made a motion and James Cole seconded that a letter be drafted to communicate the thoughts expressed by the Board to be sent to Kentucky Congressional Delegation. Motion approved.

Kim Huston asked in states were partnering to address the issues. Thomas West said he would forward information to members on this.

Daryl McGaha from the Cumberlands WIB provided an update on the WorkNow Program, a partnership of the workforce system and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

NEW BUSINESS

Heidi Margulis provided information on JobStart 101 (sample available at jobstart101.org).

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.
Sec. Brown made the motion and Roger Marcum seconded.