



Serving as the workforce investment board for the Lower Shore of Maryland

The regular quarterly meeting of the Lower Shore Workforce Investment Board was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Chesapeake Steakhouse in Salisbury, Maryland.

Members present: Nola Arnold, Derek C. Bland, Peggy Bradford, Greg Eberts, Paula Erdie, John Ostrander, Carl Reavis, Bonita Porter, Jennifer Shahan, Renee Stephens, Daniel Thompson, Zoraida Maldonado-Williams, and Donna Weaver.

Members absent: Glenn Ains, Margaret Dennis, Ted Doukas, Harry Gemmell, Robert McIntyre, Karen Megrone, Freddy Mitchell, Diana Nolte, Jay Tawes, E.C. Townsend and Doug Wilson.

Staff present: Milton Morris, Workforce Director; Sharon Jones, Eileen Cross, Staci Bobak, Casey Russell, Tshya Mahon and Rosemary Davis.

Guests: Patti Mannion, Youth Council Chair; Brad Bellacicco, Executive Director of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce; and Mary Ashanti and Iris Warren NAACP, Joe Giordano and Christine Plater, DBED.

Derek C. Bland, WIB chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.; a quorum was present.

The minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved on motion by Renee Stephens, seconded by Zoraida Maldonado-Williams.

Derek gave a brief update on the status of a new building. An architect has been selected and plans are moving forward to purchase and renovate the old Powerwave building along Rt. 50.

Reports:

Financial Report: Milton reported that spending is generally on target. The ARRA and WIA budgets were reviewed. LSWA is tracking the monies separately. ARRA money will be spent first to strengthen basic services.

Director's/Staff Report:

- Milton pointed out that there is still one Board position to be filled by Wicomico County. Once that appointment has been made, he would like to investigate adding Mary Ashanti from NAACP to the Board.
- Milton is interested in getting leadership of Adult Education with WIA to talk about how can the two work more closely. There was lengthy discussion about a



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workforce readiness program for adults. Included in the discussion was possibility of LSWA hiring a counselor to work with the adults. A subcommittee was established to look at this issue more closely. Volunteers are Derek Bland, Renee Stephens, Nola Arnold, Zoraida Maldonado-Williams, Paula Erdie, Greg Eberts and Donna Weaver.

Mobile One-Stop: Written report was included in the packet. Sharon Jones, workforce access coordinator reported that she is working with Wicomico County Library to provide dedicated computers when the OneStop is closed for dislocated workers. She continues to provide supervision for the mobile program and staff but is located full-time with the LSWA staff as well as working with the ARRA staff.

Youth Council and Program: Written report was included in the packet. Eileen Cross, youth program coordinator, reported that:

- Youth Council's quarterly meeting will be held on September 16 at the One-Stop Job Market.
- The summer program is in full swing. There will be a luncheon on August 7 for all the participants in the program.
- The Career Guide has been republished and can be found on the website.
- Teri Robinson from Shore Transit met with the Youth Council to create a voucher for transportation.
- WIA is funding 90 youth and ARRA 257.

One-Stop Job Market: The report was presented by Greg Eberts. The 2009 Summer newsletter was included in the Board packet.

Joe Giordano from Associated Builders and Contractors, INC. Eastern Shore Chapter spoke to the Board regarding the apprenticeship training programs for both HVAC and plumbing which begins in September.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Davis
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