



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

The regular, quarterly meeting of the Lower Shore Workforce Alliance Board was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Chesapeake Steakhouse in Salisbury MD.

Members present: Derek Bland, Chair; Walter Kissel, Nola Arnold, Harry Gemmell, Patti Mannion, Freddy Mitchell, Bonita Porter, Danny Thompson and Dana Seiler.

Members absent: Peggy Bradford, Ted Doukas, Lawrence Elsey, Robert McIntyre, Karen Megronigle, Bruce Morrison, Diana Nolte, Gabriel Purnell, Linda Southerland, Renee Stephens, Jay Tawes, E.C. Townsend and Doug Wilson.

Staff present: Rob Harris, Meredith Mears and Carole DiPietro.

Guests: Karen Webster, Telamon and Greg Eberts, Labor Exchange Administrator

Derek Bland, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. and announced that since a quorum was not present, the meeting would begin with discussion items. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and introduced Rob Harris, who was recently hired as the program and operations director for Tri-County Council. Rob then briefly outlined his background and announced that Meredith Mears is now the Workforce Director.

Reports:

Financial: Merry directed everyone's attention to the "total LSWA" portion of the financial report which showed that expenditures are on target at this point in the fiscal year.

One-Stop Job Market: Greg Eberts reviewed the recently published newsletter and also distributed a flyer for the Ocean City Job Fair and a chart depicting One-Stop Job Market services for second quarter PY'05 over second quarter PY'06. Tours of the facility were offered to Board members who were not familiar with the services. Danny Thompson commented on the positive influence of the Mobile One-Stop as it travels through-out the Lower Shore.

Unfinished Business:

PY'06 Youth Strategy: Merry Mears narrated the PowerPoint presentation contained the Board packets. The Board agreed that 30% of the funding would be used for out-of-school youth and 70% for in-school-youth. Another idea discussed was to implement the strategy as a pilot program. It was requested that a draft of the RFP be sent to

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Board members for review and to allow one week for comments. A vote on the strategy was withheld until the end of the meeting.

New Business:

Program Review Committee Volunteers: Derek asked for volunteers to serve on the Program Review Committee (excluding those members who may submit proposals). Patti Mannion and Bonita Porter volunteered to serve.

Merry thanked those members who have participated in the development of the youth strategy.

After a brief recess for lunch, the minutes the October 18, 2006 meeting were unanimously accepted as written.

On motion by Walter Kissel, seconded by Dana Seiler, the youth strategy was unanimously accepted as presented. Other Board members will be polled by email, fax or phone for their vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carole DiPietro

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