

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 24, 1997

A regular meeting of the Private Industry Council was called to order by Chairman Maureen Buck at 7:05 PM, Tuesday, June 24, 1997 at The Lobster House Restaurant, Norwood, New York.

Members Present: Jack Backus, Lynn Blevins, Maureen Buck, Sue Caswell, Dick DeLaPorte, Dick Fishel, Steve Matzan, Doug McDonald, Jim McFaddin, Joanne Novak, Peter Phelan, Bob Snider

Members Absent: Dick Callan, Greg Davis, Ron McDougall, Linda Randi, Gary VanKennon

Others Present: Edmund Russell, Raymond Fountain, Jim Connor, Natalie Haggart, Steve House, John Manson and Dave Williams of the Office of Economic Development; Tony LaGatta of NYSDOL.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Russell asked all present to introduce themselves.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. McFaddin, seconded by Mr. Blevins, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 1997 meeting. Passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Fountain stated that PY94 does not show on the financial report since expenditure authority lapses June 30 and all funds available have been expended. PY95 is winding down and PY96 is being expended as expected. The July 1 budget is in place pending tonight's approval. The PY97 budget is slightly larger than last year's budget. We are basically in compliance of the laws.

Ms. Caswell moved, seconded by Mr. DeLaPorte that the financial report be received. Passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

Summer Youth Employment and Training Program '97: Mr. Connor reported that 112 agencies have requested approximately 384 summer positions. JTPA eligibility has been conducted on more than 600 applicants and 334 youth have been provided worksite orientation. 83 VESID youth have been considered for the program. The total enrollment target is 350 youth. The Summer Youth Employment and Training Program goal is to place at least 1 youth at each of the 112 agencies requesting work slots. Placements for agencies in remote areas may be affected by the number of eligible youth in that area. There are 6 geographic regions in the County with 1 counselor in each area. The Summer Youth program wants to place at least 40 youth in each area. VESID placements are

county-wide, selected by VESID counselors and are consistent with the individual's Employment Plan.

PreEmployment Skills Training (PST) will be offered the first 3 days of the program, involving job application skills, interviewing skills, etc. The 75 VESID youth do not participate in PST. VESID youth will start work on July 7 and will go through an enrichment program taught by job coaches throughout the term of the program. Speakers for the safety portion of PST will include representatives from Public Health, NYDOL, Seaway Valley Council for Alcohol/Substance Prevention, and AIDS Outreach. Mike Wassus of Emergency Services had, in the past, conducted the safety portion of the orientation but is unable to this year. Mr. Wassus will be providing the YCC crew supervisors with safety instruction. Safety training will be provided by JTPA staff based on information furnished by Mr. Wassus.

Six counselors are on board. Six remedial instructors (hired by BOCES) start Monday. Five YCC crew started with Tim Irvine (Youth Bureau) on June 19.

Mr. Russell stated that about three weeks into the program, site visits are open to PIC and Board of Legislators. He encouraged members to participate in the site visits and suggested arranging a tour.

Workforce Development System

Mr. Russell summarized the Design Teams programs to date. The ongoing themes of the groups are:

- to optimize the use of technology and maximize the number of people who can use the system by increasing the number of access points;
- to establish a locally driven system, whereby local areas are given latitude for action best suited to the local areas' needs;
- to develop performance measures for all providers of service.

The WDS's goal is to have recommendations to the Commissioner of Labor and State Education Commissioner for the Governor and the Board of Legislators by the end of August. Mr. Russell will keep all advised of the status.

Monitoring Reports

Mr. Fountain presented the Monitoring Review of the St. Lawrence EDWAA and IIA/C 8% Set-a-Side Programs whereby both systems were in general compliance.

Mr. Fountain also stated that the State Independent Audit Unit will be doing a PY94 closeout review in July. This report should be available by September. Mr. LaGatta has started Pre-Summer monitoring and will be conducting Summer Monitoring.

One-Stop Grant Status

Mr. Fountain reported there was still no word on the One-Stop Grant Applications. This may be partially due to the personnel changes in NYSDOL.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of PY97 Budget

Mr. Fountain reported the major difference in the PY97 budget is the lack of Title III EDWAA DISC monies. The Office of Economic Development, along with BOCES and DSS are looking into alternate funding opportunities for staff and services.

When asked about building leases, Mr. Fountain explained that we are in the 2nd year of a 3 year, annually optioned lease. The \$15,000 Resource Room rental was from EDWAA funds.

Mr. McDonald then moved, seconded by Mr. Phelan, attached Resolution of the Private Industry Council Approving PY97 Budget. Passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Blevins, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie A. Haggart
for
Constance F. Martin,
Recording Secretary