

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL NOTES
June 16, 1998

<u>Members Present:</u>	Jack Backus, Doug Beachard, Lynn Blevins, Dick Callan, Sue Caswell, Doug McDonald, Jim McFaddin, Peter Phelan
<u>Members Absent:</u>	Maureen Buck, Greg Davis, Dick DeLaPorte, Dick Fishel, Steve Matzan, Ron McDougall, Joanne Novak, Linda Randi, Nicole Scott, Bob Snider
<u>Others Present:</u>	Edmund Russell, Raymond Fountain, Stephen House, John Manson, Connie Martin and Ed Short of the Office of Economic Development; and Tony LaGatta of NYSDOL.

A quorum was not reached and, therefore, no official business could be conducted. Mr. Blevins advised the Council members present that the By-laws Committee had met, had completed its task and would recommend proposed new By-laws to the Council at its August meeting. Mr. Blevins then suggested that the Council members use the meeting time to hold a discussion based on the NAPIC Guide to Workforce Development Boards which had been mailed out to Council members in May.

DISCUSSION ON GUIDE TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS

Mr. Russell stated that for the next several months the Council will basically operate on a dual track::

1. Function as the PIC under the rules and regulations of the Job Training Partnership Act; and
2. Talk about how the Council wants to position itself to function as a Workforce Development Board (WDB) under new Workforce Development System legislation.

He suggested that the Council may want to invite someone knowledgeable in the Workforce Development field to conduct a half-day session to explore issues the Council will be facing.

Mr. Russell indicated that there will be four important features of the new system:

1. Market Oriented: The Council will need to define what that means for St. Lawrence County and decide how to structure programs to meet that guideline.
2. Outcome Focused: The Council will need to determine how to measure what is important to St. Lawrence County in terms of outcomes (report cards, etc.) and how to make the delivery of services outcome-focused.
3. Consumer Friendly: The Council will need to determine how to make services easy to understand and access.
4. Employer Oriented: The Council will need to do some strategic planning to find out what services businesses would like our programs to provide. This activity

may require the Council's business members to work more closely with businesses in the community.

Mr. Russell pointed out that page 22 of the Guide contains an overview of the functions of both Private Industry Councils and Workforce Development Boards and shows the differences between the two. Mr. Russell indicated that it would be necessary to add 6 more people to the PIC in order to comply with the mandated make-up of a WDB and be in a position to proceed as a WDB once the new legislation is enacted.

Mr. Fountain reported that the Business Services Committee of the One-Stop has invited Isabelle Andrews, who heads up a Pilot Program in the Capitol District, to come up to meet with the Committee and some staff members. He suggested that she might also be able to do a program for the PIC. Mr. Russell suggested that the joint meeting with Jefferson-Lewis PIC in September might be a good opportunity for Isabelle to address both PICs on these issues.

STAFF REPORT

Welfare-to-Work Grant Application: Mr. Fountain reported that there had been 600 WTW Grant applications in the first round and 46 awards. The Office has received comments on the strengths and weaknesses of its application and is re-working the application for submission in the second round of funding in mid-July. Mr. Fountain expects that there will be five rounds of funding.

State One-Stop Grant Applications: Mr. Russell reported that the Office had submitted two applications for One-Stop funding – one for an \$80,000 demonstration grant and one for a \$500,000 implementation grant. The grants were submitted to the State last week.