



NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS BOARD

JUNE 1, 2018

9:00-10:30 AM

200 E. MAIN STREET, SUITE 910

FORT WAYNE 46802

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darlene Stanley, Doug Bauman, Leslie Crist, Keith Davis, Alan Duff, Jane Gresham, Tim Hartigan, Jeff Kellam, Mark Michael, John Niederman, John Sampson, Corey Schoon, Rick Sherck, Chris Straw and Sandy Widener.

STAFF PRESENT:

Kathleen Randolph, Edmond O'Neal, Andrea Bolinger, Rick Farrant, Lori Rice, Kim Tempel, Karen Green and Anne Meadors.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Darlene Stanley called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda: Board Minutes

The minutes of the April 6, 2018 meeting were provided in the packet of advance materials. Mark Michael moved to approve the minutes. Tim Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Financial Report: Proposed Program Year 2018-19 Budget

Lori Rice presented the financial report and projected Program Year (PY) 2018-19 budget, based on known allocations and estimated carry-in for the next year. The projected budget of \$8,442,050 is \$2,485,781 less than the current budget and that is due to a projected decrease in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding. Significant discussion followed, including concerns about what the budget decline would mean for Northeast Indiana Works and its WorkOne Northeast career centers. Kathleen Randolph said the same level of service will be provided, in part because the organization is saving money by relocating some career centers and making other budget adjustments. There was also discussion about cost-sharing agreements made with organization partners – something that is required by WIOA. Keith Davis moved to approve the financial report and budget. John Sampson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Metrics Report

Edmond O'Neal presented WIOA performance measures, some of which are new and some expanded from Workforce Investment Act (WIA) requirements. His presentation was preceded and followed by wide-ranging discussion about numerous topics, including mention by Randolph that two people from northeast Indiana – Bruce Watson of Fort Wayne Metals and Rebecca Schroeder of Whiteshire Hamroc – have been named to Gov. Eric Holcomb's workforce cabinet; favorable comments from Karen Green and Leslie Crist regarding the region's 15 Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) programs (the programs combined have a 96 percent graduation rate and met all five performance goals); comments from Crist indicating the governor is looking to expand the state's 135 JAG programs by 250 in the next five years; and comments by John Sampson regarding the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership's intent to enhance the region's brand and create a clear reputation identity.

V. Chief Elected Official's Remarks

Doug Bauman expressed concerns about the organization's budget decline and Randolph again offered assurances that the same level of services will be provided. Bauman also inquired if Northeast Indiana Works could assist efforts to combat the opioid crisis in rural counties. O'Neal said the organization is working with several community partners and he also highlighted the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) HIRE (Hoosier Initiative for Re-Entry) program.

VI. Board Chair's Remarks

Stanley announced that Davis will take her place during a July meeting of workforce development board chairs with DWD Commissioner Fred Payne.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10.29 a.m.

(The next meeting of the board will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. October 5, 2018 at 200 E. Main St., Suite 910, Fort Wayne.)