

NORTHEAST MINNESOTA OFFICE OF JOB TRAINING

ELECTED OFFICIAL BOARD

Virginia Workforce Center

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Vice-Chair Adee called a regularly scheduled meeting of the Local Elected Official Board of the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training to order at 1:10 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Kevin Adee
Tom Proulx

Brian Napstad
Pete Walsh

Garry Gamble

Excused: Rusty Eichorn, Mike Forsman

Motion was made by Walsh, supported by Napstad to approve the June 12, 2014 agenda as written, with no additions or corrections, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Napstad, supported by Gamble to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting with no additions or corrections, motion carried unanimously.

Financial Director Marconett reviewed Handout #1 – April 2014 Funding Summary. All current grants and expenditures are in the place.

Following the review of Northeast Workforce Investment Board membership nomination; **motion was made by Gamble, supported by Walsh, appointing David Ulrich, Vice President of Twin Metals Minnesota; motion carried unanimously.**

Director Ufford distributed a handout outlining the PY'14 Program budget changes. The WIA Youth budget saw the biggest decrease in funding (-8.5%) and WIA Adult (-4.5%) from PY'13 to PY'14. Funding for the Minnesota Youth Program will remain the same, and DWP/MFIP funding went down fairly marginally in each county. The Office of Job Training has received \$250,000 from a legislative appropriation from the workforce development fund with no explicit instructions on how it is to be spent. The money is available over the next fiscal year. Due to the decrease in youth funding, a recommendation was made to use \$100,000 for additional youth slots for the summer youth and year round programs. Funds will also be used to enhance the Career Edventure Program. Ten percent of funds are for administrative costs, of which the State gets 5%.

Ufford informed board members that one career counselor has resigned and we are in the process of hiring a full time counselor. One full time clerical staff will retire in July and be replaced with a part time clerical support staff.

Each board member received a handout explaining the comparison of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) as of 5/27/14. After ten years, the Senate and House have reached an agreement in reauthorization of a new law. There are very few changes and none should drastically affect the way we do business. Youth services will see an adjustment in placing a greater priority on out-of school youth (75% of funding at State and Local level) and work-based learning activities. There will also be more flexibility locally to meet the needs of Adults and Dislocated Workers, including On-the-Job Training, incumbent worker training, and customized training. There is also an indication of interest in the expansion of career

pathways, industry or sector partnership, and an increased focus on the attainment of industry-recognized certificates and credentials linked to in-demand occupations.

Seven new laptop computers are being purchased for each of the outer offices. They are used on a regular basis for the Career Edventure program along with case management for greater reporting capability.

The meeting concluded with board members hearing relevant activities occurring in their counties, including updates on local economic development projects.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Next Local Elected Official board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2014.