

PALM BEACH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, January 25th, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Attending: Commissioner B. Aaronson and David Levy, Vice Mayor, Palm Beach Gardens
Telephonic: Mayor Woodie McDuffie, Mayor, City of Delray Beach
Staff: Kathryn Schmidt, Steve Craig, Peter Pignataro, Suzanne Rodrigues
Absent: Shirley Walker, Mayor, City of South Bay

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG (David Levy)

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM. Mr. Levy turned the meeting over to Kathryn Schmidt for a brief presentation.

Presentation given by Kathryn was a summary of Workforce Alliance's recent facts/accomplishments. Mr. Levy questioned where the mobile units travel to and Kathryn responded that they are used at libraries, other public and private locations, anywhere there is a need. Kathryn also explained that the 24.5M dollar funding amount shown in the presentation includes what we received as stimulus dollars and she went on to say that our usual budget was approximately 14.5. Kathryn stated that our EWT dollars are leveraged at over 100% at this time. Commissioner Aaronson asked for clarification about where our funding comes from (federal) and about how Workforce interacts with Business Development Board (BDB). If the county gives BDB a sum of money to entice a business to move here, and they also give the company tax credits, why does Workforce also give funding to the same company. Kathryn explained that yes, if the company met certain criteria, they could, in fact, be able to get funding which would assist in training people. Commissioner Aaronson is interested in looking at how we are funded and how same is distributed.

Commissioner Aaronson turned the topic to unemployment by stating he heard on the radio that morning that unemployment is up in the State of Florida. Commissioner Aaronson said the health care industry is in need of nurses as they are dealing with a 12,000 person shortage in nurses in the state. He wants to see a focus on the health care industry.

Kathryn went on to introduce the "Florida Back to Work" program. Workforce Alliance has requested 25 million from the state as part of this program. We have a goal of 920 job seekers becoming employees. We do not know what the state will give to our region yet.

As for our Summer Youth Program, Workforce Alliance was ranked first in the State to have the most number of summer youths obtain permanent employment, ages 18 – 24.

Kathryn stated that we have been slowly moving job seekers into employment. Over the last 12 months, 17,000 job seekers were placed.

- a. Appointment of new Consortium Chair - Motion made by Mayor McDuffie to appoint Commissioner Aaronson as Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Aaronson. Commissioner Aaronson accepted as new chair.
- b. Approval and/or Additions, Deletions or Corrections to the Agenda – None noted.
- c. Approval of September 16th, 2009 Summary/Minutes. Commissioner Aaronson commented about next meeting date on the minutes being March. Kathryn explained why a meeting was necessary today. January meeting held to approve mandatory seats needed to be in compliance for our Board composition. Kathryn went on to explain the percentage of mandatory seats needed versus private seats needed. Consortium approves mandatory seats. The County Commissioners approve the private seats. September summary/minutes were approved.

II. APPROVAL ITEMS

Commissioner Aaronson went on to review the submission of new Board Members to fill mandatory requirements for Board composition.

- a. Approval of Dwight Mattingly as Board Member representing Labor Organization. Motion by David Levy, 2nd by Mayor McDuffie. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Approval of Dorothy Ellington as Board Member representing HUD E&T. Motion by Mayor McDuffie, 2nd by David Levy. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Approval of Christopher Perez as Board Member representing Private Education, ITA Provider, conferring certificates and diplomas. Motion by David Levy, 2nd by Mayor McDuffie. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Approval of Faye Sharp as Board Member representing Title V Older Worker. Motion by David Levy, 2nd by Mayor McDuffie. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Approval of Michael Faby as Board Member representing Workforce Services Recipient. Motion by David Levy, 2nd by Mayor McDuffie. Motion passed unanimously.

III. GENERAL

Commissioner Aaronson requested that the records showed Mayor Walker absent from the meeting.

- ## IV. ADJOURNMENT
- With no further discussion, David Levy moves to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor McDuffie.

Next meeting date is September 23rd, 2010.