

WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING

January 30, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Roll Call: Board** - Dr. Marsha Gordon; Claudia Murphy; Elaine Sozzi; John Savage; Joseph Dicarlo; Meghan Taylor; Dr Michael Gillan; Sorraya Sampson; Thom Kleiner; Thomas Capurso; Wiley Harrison;
Proxies: Michael J. Piazza, Robert O. Sanders, Kevin M. McGuire, Allison Madison.
Staff: Donovan Beckford, O.J. Yizar; Allen Kelley, Allison Jones; **Guests:** Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett; Jim Conklin; Joanne Dunn; Amanda Nathan
2. **Approval of Minutes (meeting held on November 7, 2013):** Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting were made by: Wiley Harrison; 2nd by Thom Kleiner; Abstentions; none; Motion: Approved
3. **Voting Items:**
 - a. **Hire Westchester:** WIB to approve the acceptance of a grant of \$100,000 from the Westchester County Industrial Development Agency to implement the Hire Westchester initiative which provides subsidy to train new employees of Westchester businesses. **Motion to approve the acceptance of a grant of \$100,000 from the Westchester Industrial Development Agency was made by: Dr. Michael Gillan; 2nd by Sorraya Sampson; Abstentions; none: Motion: Approved**
 - b. **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Contract with Westchester Community Opportunity Program –West Cop:** WIB to authorize contracting with West Cop for \$100,000 to operate the 2014 VITA/EITC program for the period of January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014. **Motion to authorize contracting with West Cop for \$100,00 to operate the 2014 VITA/EITC program was made by: Thom Kleiner; 2nd by Sorraya Sampson; Abstentions: John Savage; Motion: Approved**
 - c. **Business Sector Training Requests:** WIB to authorize the business training applications for:
 - Student Baskets LLC d/b/a/ My Favorite Student -\$49,047.20 NEG/OJT funding
 - Zaloumis - \$50,625.00 NEG/OJT and \$52,500.00 OJT local funding
 - Norman Hubbard - \$41,000.00 Customized Training / WPWIB portion = \$20,000.00**Motion for the WIB to authorize the business training applications was made by: Thom Kleiner; 2nd by Wiley Harrison; Abstentions; none: Motion: Approved**
 - d. **Westchester Economic Summit:** WIB to authorize co-sponsoring the Westchester Economic Summit with the African American Advisory Board and The Business Council of Westchester to be held May 14, 2014 at SUNY Purchase. The cost is \$5,000.00 **Motion for the WIB to authorize co-sponsoring the Westchester Economic Summit with the African American Advisory Board and The Business Council of Westchester to be held May 14, 2014 at SUNY Purchase was made by: Elaine Sozzi; 2nd by Sorraya Sampson; Abstentions: none: Motion: Approved**
 - e. **Approval of ITAs for Hurricane Irene Phase II:** WIB to authorize the issuance of ITAs for Hurricane Irene Phase II participants that exceed the ITA limit of \$3,000.00. **Motion for the WIB to authorize the issuance of ITAs for Hurricane Irene Phase II participants that exceed the ITA limit of \$3,000.00 was made by Meghan Taylor; 2nd by Thomas Capurso; Abstentions; Claudia Murphy; Motion: Approved**
 - f. **Approval of ITA for STRIVE:** WIB to authorize the issuance of ITA for Alicia Fay that exceed
 - g. the ITA limit of \$3,000.00. **Motion for the WIB to authorize the issuance of ITA for Alicia Fay that exceed the ITA limit of \$3,000.00 was made by: Joe Dicarlo; 2nd by Wiley Harrison; Abstentions; none: Motion: Approved**
 - h. **Youth Career Connect:** WIB to authorize the contract with grant writer FSG for \$17,500.00. The program is designed to provide high school students with education and training focusing on the H-1B occupations. **Motion for the WIB to authorize the contract with grant writer FSG for**

\$17,500.00. The program is designed to provide high school students with education and training focusing on the H-1B occupations was made by: Thomas Capurso; 2nd by Joe DiCarlo; Abstentions: Wiley Harrison; Motion: Approved

- i. **Just Add One:** WIB to accept the ad hoc committee's report & recommendation and assign to One-Stop Committee for further action. **Motion for the WIB to accept the ad hoc committee's report & recommendation and assign to One-Stop Committee for further action was made by Thomas Capurso; 2nd by Claudia Murphy; Abstentions: none; Motion: Approved**

4. **Updates:**

Hurricane Sandy: Over 200 employees added to the public sector to work

5. **Unveiling of Murals:** To address the Restorative Justice component of the Westchester Strive for the Future program a collaborative partnership was established with The Arts Council of Westchester. Two murals were designed solely by the youth under the supervision of artist Miguel Castro. The theme centered around encouragement, positive thinking, and Anti-Street Violence. The unveiling of the murals was assisted by Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett, and WIB member Dr. Marsha Gordon. The youths that created the murals were on hand to give their testimonials about the experience as well as a video presentation documenting the project from start to finish.

6. **Announcements:**

- **March 29 - April 1, 2014 – NAWB 2014 Forum Dialogue for Workforce Excellence, Washington, DC**
- **March 24- 26, 2014 NYATEP Youth Academy 2014, Albany NY – Excellence in Youth Programming**

7. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am**