

**NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
WORKFORCE POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of April 5, 2007

At the New York City Department of Small Business Services
110 William Street, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10038

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

William Abramson	Rocco Damato	Joseph McDermott
Richard Boyle	William Janowitz	John Mogulescu
Charles Callahan (via telephone)	Deborah King	Sara Spatz

Also Present:

Sara Ain	Alinda Franks	Jean Seltzer
Susan Arroyo	Katy Gaul	Cristina Shapiro
Janet Clemetson	Dan Hillman	Marilyn Shea
Spencer Cronk	Angie Kamath	Melissa Wavelet
Brian Egan	Melinda Mulawka	Scott Zucker

Rocco Damato, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 22, 2007 Workforce Policy Committee were approved.

New York City Workforce System Performance Measures

Mr. Damato recapped the February 22nd Committee meeting, during which staff of the New York State Department of Labor's Division of Employment Services (DoES) provided the Committee with an overview of the Wagner-Peyser program. Mr. Damato reminded the Committee that Wagner-Peyser customers account for 75% of New York City's common customer pool, and therefore, greatly affect New York City's ability to meet its performance goals. Mr. Damato expressed concern that preliminary data for the common customer pool showed that the City would not meet its entered employment standard of 75% set by New York State Department of Labor. He then opened the floor to a discussion.

Some members expressed concern that New York State may be the only state to report performance outcomes based on an aggregate common performance pool, which does not differentiate between Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser program performance. Reporting in this manner is not required by the US Department of Labor. Some members suggested that this methodology could put the City and State at a disadvantage compared to other workforce systems nationally. They recommended that the WIB communicate these concerns to the New York State Department of Labor and request that either the common performance pool be tested on a pilot basis or suspended until functional alignment and service integration are further along in implementation.

Several Committee members requested that the WIB staff gather data and analyze the impact of including Wagner-Peyser customers in New York City's common performance pool. They also requested data related to the performance of Wagner-Peyser programs compared to WIA programs in other states and local areas.

Commission on Economic Opportunity Training Provider Website

Katy Gaul, Executive Director of Workforce Training and Dan Hillman, Manager of Curriculum Evaluation at the Department of Small Business Services (SBS), previewed the NYC Workforce Training Provider Website, which is being developed in connection with the Center for Economic Opportunity. This new website is scheduled to replace the current Workforce Training Provider List (WTPL) in August. For jobseekers, the website will provide the ability to easily search and compare detailed elements of training courses and to read reviews by other students who have taken the courses. For training providers, the website will reduce paperwork and generate useful lists and notices. Further, the website will be integrated with Worksource1 and other data management applications that will facilitate program oversight and management. The website is expected to significantly increase the transparency of the City's training grant system and make it one of the most innovative in the country. Committee members expressed their appreciation for the advancements that this project represents.

Operator Consortium Report – Functional Alignment Implementation

Angie Kamath, SBS Executive Director of Community and Strategic Partnerships, provided the Committee with an update on the New York City Operator Consortium's progress toward implementing the Functional Alignment Plan for delivering WIA and Wagner-Peyser services in the Workforce1 Career Centers. She noted that as of April 1st, the Operator Consortium successfully completed kick-off events at six Workforce1 Career Centers with participation by both WIA and DoES staff. She also stated that joint leadership teams in each Center had established Membership Teams, which are being trained on a common intake process. By mid-April, all Centers are scheduled to implement the new process, which will support integrated service delivery and a common customer flow. Those Centers that have already begun implementation have experienced a 25% reduction in processing time, she stated. Finally, Ms. Kamath reported that through a coordinated recruitment event for Whole Foods, the Business Services teams at the Centers placed over 300 jobseekers. Eighty percent of the positions are full time and pay \$10 per hour with benefits.

WIRED Update

Marilyn Shea, WIB Executive Director, reported that the WIB had submitted New York City's Workforce Innovations for Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grant application to NYSDOL. The proposals were to be presented to the New York State WIB, which in turn would select two to submit to USDOL.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.