

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

Meeting of February 14, 2008

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	Colvin Grannum	Joseph McDermott
William Bollbach	Deborah King	John Mogulescu
Rocco Damato	Mark Leff for P. Brier	Sara Spatz

Also Present:

Sara Ain	Melinda Mulawka	Melissa Wavelet
Blake Foote	Mia Simon	Matt White
Mark Lennon	Suzanne Towns	Scott Zucker
Stephanie Martinez		

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 29, 2007 Workforce Policy Committee were approved.

The Committee requested a progress update on the activities of the Operator Consortium at the next meeting.

WIB/Health Industry Steering Committee Report

Blake Foote, Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), presented a report generated by the WIB/Health Industry Steering Committee. The Steering Committee, comprised of health industry experts, was created in March 2007 to address the impact of the Berger Commission recommendations on New York City's workforce. The Committee developed a four-pronged strategy that seeks to build a collaborative approach between employers, unions, government and training providers to customize reemployment strategies for the workers impacted by the current and anticipated workforce changes in the health care industry. For a copy of this report, please contact the WIB directly.

WIB/Prisoner Reentry Steering Committee Report

Blake Foote presented a report generated by the WIB/Prisoner Reentry Steering Committee. The Steering Committee comprised of experts from the field representing the state and local government and the community-based organization and education communities. The Committee was created to address the complex issues associated with the reentry of 68,000 individuals who return to New York City's workforce with criminal convictions each year. The Committee provided three recommendations for what the workforce community can do to support reentry of this population. The WIB staff and Committee members agreed to move forward with the following two recommendations: educate employers on the issues and services related to hiring jobseekers with criminal records and build capacity for the City's workforce system to serve jobseekers with criminal convictions. These two recommendations are in line with the WIB's strategic priorities. For a copy of this report, please contact the WIB directly.

Workforce Policy Committee Agenda for 2008

Rocco Damato and Blake Foote presented the Policy Committee Agenda for 2008. For 2008, the Policy Committee will continue its focus on setting policies for, and overseeing the performance of, the City's workforce investment system as well as the additional component of oversight of workgroups/steering committees that are focused on key workforce policy issues. For the next six months, the Committee will focus on three workgroups/steering committees that are in line with the WIB's Strategic Plan: Transportation Industry Advisory Group, Business Engagement and Member Recruitment Workgroup and an Economic Trends Roundtable to assess the impact of industry layoffs/shifts. Members of the WIB and external industry experts will be recruited to participate in each of the three workgroups.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.