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**Future Workforce Services Committee**  
**June 22, 2011**

**Attendees:** James Stanley (Chair), Ram Aberasturia, Paulette Fox, Alexa Wrinn, Katharine Chapdelaine, Hector Rivera and Mary Roche Cronin.

**Staff:** Alex Johnson, Pam Nabors, Julie Watson, Dennis Mink, Gerry Berthiaume, Rich Davis, Julie Geyer and Liz Saunders

**I. Call to Order**

Chair James Stanley called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**II. Consent Item**

**a. Approval of Minutes**

Ram Aberasturia made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 5, 2011 meeting. Paulette Fox seconded it. All were in favor none opposed the motion was carried.

**III. New Business**

Alex gave a brief introduction on the addition of Pam Nabors and Julie Watson to the Future Workforce Services Committee and the creation of the new Career-Competency web site for SYELP.

**a. Update on SYELP and implementation:**

- Julie Watson outlined the CWP Summer Youth Employment Learning Program and the model we implemented. She also spoke on the need for providers to build capacity, better evaluate the participants and to improve the quality of the program despite the reduction in financial resources.
- Employer feedback will be important so that we know where we fell short and that there is open dialog.
- Funding for this program is in part from the State of CT, City of Hartford, the Hartford Foundation and the American Savings Foundation of New Britain. As of this date we have not yet received the authority from the State to incur costs against the state funding. We are hopeful that some resolution will come early next week. If not we may need to stall the State portion of the program.
- The total number of applications processed as of June 17<sup>th</sup> is 2,777 out of that 2,500 names were provided on rosters. Calls to potential participants started on June 17<sup>th</sup> with 875 accepting and 83 not. An unpaid orientation starts Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- As part of the Lead agencies responsibilities they had to commit resources for the July 1<sup>st</sup> kickoff. We cannot ask the agencies to start if we do not have the authority to start.
- Stay tuned for further communication by the middle of next week.

b. Update on WIA Contract Renewals:

Pam updated the committee on the WIA Contract renewals.

- Currently we have 7 WIA Youth contractors eligible for renewal and 207 currently enrolled participants.
- It is vital to CWP that these participants achieve positive outcomes and are the first priority for services in the new contract year. Older youth we are teetering on the edge of making the measure but the younger youth we are falling short.
- Staff recommended and the board approved that we renew all 7 WIA Youth contractors and that they must achieve at least 70% of each of the standards listed. In order for these contractors to be authorized to enroll and serve additional youth in 2011-12 they must achieve 70% by November 2011.
- CWP staff will determine if the contractors are or are not meeting the 70%. If they are then we will authorize them to enroll more youth and if they are not meeting the 70% we will modify their contract and that they will conclude with those youth and ramp the program down.
- This is a new strategy and we feel that this model helps to improve the overall program.
- The 70% threshold was determined by looking at the analysis of our existing performance measurers where providers are averaging between 54% and 80%. 70% is a minimum.

c. Discussion FY 11-12 Committee Workplan:

Alex stated that CWP is going through the process of updating our integrated budget and business plan. We are leveraging and building a larger workforce system.

d. **Announcements/Other:**

Dennis gave a brief overview of the new Career Competency Website. We received some funding from Bank of America and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Beta testing will take place this summer and a soft launch is scheduled for the Fall.

Ram mentioned that on August 25<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Hartford Marathon there will be a 5K run to raise funding for Youth Employment Scholarships.

Alex thanked James Stanley Chair of the Future Workforce Services Committee for his commitment, time, and dedication. James will be stepping down as Chair but will remain as a member of the committee.

Paulette Fox made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ram Aberasturia. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The committee will need to meet in early September.