

Minutes

Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Investment Board One-Stop Committee

**Meeting - Tuesday, April 3, 2018 : 9:30 a.m.
726 Exchange Street, Buffalo**

The One-Stop Committee of the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) met on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at Larkin at Exchange, 726 Exchange Street, Buffalo, New York.

The following Committee Members were in attendance: Mary Margaret Aprile; L. Nathan Hare; Michael Martin, Chair; and Patricia Riegle.

The following WIB staff was in attendance: Mark Cosgrove; Dave Kaczor; and Heather Gresham.

The following guests were in attendance: Crystal Messina; Dawn O'Sullivan; Denise Raymond; Demone Smith; and Lavon Stephens.

II. MINUTES FROM 10/8/15, 4/12/16, and 9/28/17 MEETINGS

**Motion to accept each set of above mentioned minutes made by Ms. Riegle;
Seconded by Ms. Aprile; all were in favor; so moved.**

III. WIOA UPDATE

Ms. Gresham stated she is cautiously optimistic about funding that begins July 1st, however, we have not received real numbers yet.

Ms. Gresham stated that the WIB is moving ahead with WIOA implementation with the One Stop Certification and development of MOUs.

Ms. Gresham indicated the lease for 726 Exchange Street will expire in March, 2019 so the WIB will begin undertaking the process of evaluating space.

IV. HEALTH PROFESSIONALS OPPORTUNITY GRANT UPDATE

Mr. Cosgrove reminded the Committee that the HPOG Program received funding for 5 years. The program has received an increase in advertising dollars, so the Program will be airing commercials on WKBW to promote the program. Mr. Smith asked why WKBW, not Spectrum or other stations. Mr. Kaczor responded that the more popular the show, the more expensive the advertising.

V. BUSINESS SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Lopez provided the following highlights:

Business Services' focus has been intensively engaging employers;

In the second year of the advanced manufacturing program, the first class began March 5 with 11 students, BOCES is providing the training;

On a recent visit to the Belle Center, the concern is opportunities for the many Spanish-speaking customers; so Business Services is looking to develop a certified production technician training program for individuals who speak Spanish;

A new session of Career Navigator will begin on April 30 with 20 students. This will be the last class for the year.and

Business Services is working on a NEG partner grant to establish a best practices model for Career Pathways.

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Ms. Gresham stated that Ms. Lopez and her team of three have been doing great work with a small staff.

VI. ONE STOP CERTIFICATION

Mr. Kaczor explained that this year in some ways the One Stop Certification is similar to previous years, but in other ways different. This year the WIB Board will certify the One-Stop, previously it was certified by the State. Mr. Kaczor stated that there are three categories: (1) accessibility; (2) effectiveness of system/services; and (3) continuous improvement. Mr. Kaczor distributed a written Resolution.

Motion to accept Resolution as presented made by Mr. Hare; seconded by Ms. Riegle; all were in favor; so moved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.