

NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 14, 2015
253 Broadway, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10007
MEETING MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Laurice Arroyo
Horace Barker
Les Bluestone
Mark Elliot

Also Present:

For WKDEV:

Stacie Evans
Katy Gaul-Stigge
Reynold Graham
Chris Neale

For SBS:

Jackie Mallon
Xenon Walcott

For DYCD:

Akeem Bashiru
Sara Marks
Robin McClary
Jagdeen Phanor
Ardis Sanmoogan
Andre White

Horace Barker, Acting WIB Chair, called the meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes Approval

Mr. Barker called a vote to approve the meeting minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting on February 24, 2015. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

WKDEV Update

Chris Neale, WIB Director, shared the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act's (WIOA) board composition requirements with the Committee. WIOA continues to require a business majority and a business member to chair the board. However, the law no longer allows business members to be sole proprietors and now calls for 20% of the board to be composed of representatives from labor and community-based organizations. Mr. Neale shared that the Board is working closely with the Mayor's

Office of Appointments to identify the appropriate Board composition to meet the law's requirements. Mr. Neale also reviewed the City's responses to the law's drafted regulations, which are due June 15th.

SBS Fiscal Update (WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker)

The Department of Small Business Services (SBS) staff walked the Committee through its presentation of the WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker (DW) fiscal and program performance covering the period from January to March 2015.

Fiscal Summary

Program Year (PY) 2014 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) WIA Adult/DW funds are comprised of PY 14 WIA Adult/DW funding as well as PY 13 carry-in funding. WIA Administration represents 10% of the annual award total. In PY 14, the agency received \$42,311,734 for its WIA allocation. In addition, the agency will carry in \$4,600,079 from PY 13, for a PY 14 total of \$47,989,723. As of May 2015, SBS was projected to spend \$43.6 million in PY 14, leaving \$4.4 million available for PY 15 carry-in.

Program Summary

Workforce1 Career Centers

In the current quarter, January to March 2015, the Workforce1 Career Centers directly helped connect jobseekers to 2,876 jobs, which is 70% of the target for the quarter. The portion of full-time jobs decreased overall from 65% in the previous quarter, to 59% in the current quarter, however the median wage increased from \$11 to \$12 per hour.

NYC Business Solutions Centers

The Business Solutions Centers helped small businesses obtain 94 financing awards, achieving 87% of the system's quarterly target. This represents a 54% decrease from the same period in 2013, which can be attributed to the loss of funding dedicated to Hurricane Sandy relief in first quarter of 2013. In addition, a new metric was introduced in this quarter which tracks the number of connections made to launch-related services. In the first quarter, 191 entrepreneurs were connected to navigating government, permitting, registration, business planning, and government contracting services.

The Centers achieved 457 employer commitments credited, which represent 11% of the system's annual target of 4,000, and a 30% decrease over the same period in 2014. The decrease can be attributed to staff turnover at the end of 2014 and beginning of 2015 at several key centers.

Occupational Training

Of the 403 Individual Training Grant (ITG) vouchers approved between January and March 2015, over 45% were to Security Guard courses. SBS has successfully

connected jobseekers to security guard jobs that offer good pay and frequently offer a full-time schedule. About 25% of vouchers were issued for medical field training in two license types: Medical Assistants and Certified Nursing Aides. Commercial driver training in a variety of licenses and types accounted for greater than 20% of issuances with the remainder being in the tech field.

Of the 867 customers projected to complete training between February 1, 2014 and September 30, 2014, 827 actually completed, a completion rate of 95%. As of mid-May, SBS has so far been able to confirm that 36% of those completing training between December 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014 found employment, with an average wage of \$13.26. (There are likely additional customers who found employment but have not yet been confirmed by Workforce1.)

DYCD Fiscal and Program Update (WIA Youth)

The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) staff walked the Committee through its presentation of its WIA Youth fiscal and program performance covering the period from February 2015 through April 2015.

Fiscal Summary

Program Year (PY) 2014 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) WIA Youth funds are comprised of PY 14 WIA Youth funding as well as PY 13 carry-in funding. Carry-in funding represents funds unspent by the first 12 months of the previous award period, in this case PY 13. In PY 14, the agency received \$22,212,899 for its WIA allocation. In addition, the agency will carry in \$3,991,335.41 from PY 13 (19% of the PY 13 award) for a PY 14 total of \$26,204,234.41. WIA Administration represents 10% of the annual award total.

As of April 2015, PY 13 WIA Youth spending was at 62.4% of the total award, and carry-in spending was at 100%. In comparison, for the same time period, PY 14 spending was at 61.5% of the total award, and carry-in was at 94%. Projected Expenditures for PY 14 are \$19,414,073.74, 87% of the PY 14 award.

WIA Youth program funds are allocated on a 36/64 split between In-School Youth (ISY) and Out-of-School Youth (OSY) programming for PY 14.

Program Summary

DYCD highlighted the agency's Summer Youth Employment Program, which received 139,000 applications. The agency is working with SBS and the WIB to increase private sector worksites and is collaborating with the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City to increase available opportunities for vulnerable youth and NYCHA residents.

The May 2015 Executive Committee meeting was adjourned.