

Workforce Investment Minutes

South Central Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board

Executive Committee Meeting

May 13, 2008

CG's International Cuisine

Lawton, Oklahoma

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

PRESENT

ABSENT

STAFF

Al Allee
Blaine Smith

Chris Pittman

Jeff Simpson

Walt Lentz
Ray Friedl

Bill Cunningham

Ray

Susan Stoll
Archer McPhaul

Jerry Martin

Lisa

Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm.

Ray Friedl led the discussion about changes to SCOWIB By-Laws. It was decided to remove the need for a nominating committee every year since officers are elected for a two-year term. Language was suggested by Al Allee.

Ray Friedl presented an update on the Workforce Investment Act Funds Rescission. \$298,000 of Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth funds administered by ASCOG were rescinded. The federal government looks only at expenditures not obligations. The question was raised by Chris Pittman about whether SCOWIB could get a line of credit to operate WIA programs at the beginning of each program year until signed grants are in hand. This is not possible, because it is against the Act and Regulations to obligate funds before we have them.

Lisa Thomas discussed briefly the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission's (OESC) initial determination to SCOWIB's monitoring response. Fourteen of the 23

administrative findings in the report have been cleared. The nine remaining findings require additional documentation and slight revisions to the On-the-Job Training and Individual Training Account policies. Mr. Allee assured the committee members that 23 findings may sound like a lot, but they really only addressed a few areas.

Staff presented updates on the following activities:

Youth Programs and Services – Ray Friedl – Staff is currently reviewing the contract compliance

and performance of its three youth contractors to begin formulating recommendations about

contract extensions. The fiscal agent is considering administering an abbreviated summer

employment opportunities program. Also looking at ASCOG picking up the program design

element of the youth program. Chris Pittman asked that the youth program focus on the Out-

of-School youth in the South Central area.

Out of Area Job Fair/Recruiting – Archer McPhaul – A job fair under the direction of the Lawton

Area Business Group was held in Wichita Falls on May 7th and 8th to accommodate 720 employees of Saint-Gobain Vetrotex who will be losing their Jobs sometime between June and

December, 2008 due to a plant closing. Three businesses were there to recruit. Resumes of 50

employees have been distributed to the Lawton Chamber of Commerce and the Duncan Area

Economic Development Foundation.

Chairman Al Allee had no new business to discuss.

The next regular meeting of the executive committee will be June 10, 2008 at 11:30 am at a location in Lawton to be announced.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.