

REGION 8 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
NOVEMBER 15, 2007
CARROLLTON INN, CARROLL IA

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present were Waldo, Skoog, Fineran, Godbersen, Quandt, Schoenherr, Bruner, Churchill, Gronau, Sievers, Ehlers, Smalley, Winkelman, Grasty, McDermott, Smith, Henrich, Schulz, and Hubert. Absent: Lally, Pudenz, Riedmann, and Wilde. Winkelman moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2007 meeting. Fineran seconded. Motion carried. The Region 8 WIA PY 2006 Annual Report was reviewed and discussed. Hunsaker noted that the State would be inserting the Data Summary. Waldo moved and Skoog seconded to approve the Region 8 WIA PY 2006 Annual Report as presented. Motion carried. WIA/PJ caseload report was reviewed and discussed. The Dislocated Worker Program does not have a “hold harmless”, therefore that program has an increase of about 80% this year. The Adult and Youth Programs have a low budget. The RWIB may be requested in the near future to transfer budget dollars from the Dislocated Worker Program to the Adult Program, if deemed necessary. The Performance PY2006 Final Annual Report was distributed for review, noting that the Youth Program is not showing good statistics. The PY2006 Annual WIA Summary Report was distributed for review. The “average cost per participant” was reviewed in detail. Hunsaker distributed the WIA Director’s Report which covered performance, incentive funding, State staff (Ted Harms is replacing John Carr for our Region), DOL monitoring visit, IWD monitoring visit, financial summary, youth staff training, State fiscal and management training, staffing, RWIB appointments, and client recruitment. Hunsaker gave a Western Iowa Advantage informative presentation. Topics included Economic Development, workforce shortage issues, LaborShed studies, Vacancy Survey, job careers campaign for Western Iowa, Face Book page (maybe a contest to have students develop a video for the page), and contacting high school students about staying in the area for job opportunities. Transit has submitted a Job Access Reverse Commute application and Transit is also requesting funding to purchase vans to be used for a “van pool”. Hunsaker informed members that comments are welcomed on the Employer Survey. Workforce issues were discussed in an open forum. Community colleges may assist in the structure of Career Tech opportunities and provide support to interested parties. At this time, DMACC is working with American Home Shield to offer an Associate of Arts degree at the AHS work place from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Speech and Intro to Business is being offered. Employers need to inform Community Colleges of the educational benefits and incentives they offer to employees so that students can be informed. Job Corps is a beneficial training site and members were encouraged to visit the Center to see “what” they have to offer. It was noted that Job Corps participants have a need for “start-up” assistance once the training has been completed (rent, deposits, utilities, etc.). A training request was made for plumbers. At this time, qualified trained plumbers are in great demand. Hunsaker informed members that there would be a RWIB 3 hour training on Thursday, February 21, 2008, starting at 5:30 p.m. This training will include Board Roles and Responsibilities. The IWD Iowa’s Workforce and Economy Survey were distributed to members for review and completion. Churchill moved and Gronau seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

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JULY 11, 2007
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The teleconference meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. Board members present were Godbersen, Quandt, Bruner, Churchill, Gronau, and Sievers. Excused: Waldo, Riedmann, Hargens, and Schulz. Absent: Winkelman, Ehlers, Skoog, Lally, Pudenz, Wilde, Hubert, Fineran, Smalley, Schoenherr, and Grasty. No quorum so Bruner moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2007 meeting and to do a mail vote for official approval. Gronau seconded. Motion carried and approved by members present. Mail vote taken and minutes of the April 19, 2007 meeting approved by Winkelman, Hargens, Lally, Skoog, Riedmann, Schulz, Schoenherr, Waldo, Wilde, Grasty, Ehlers, Fineran, Pudenz, and Smalley. Unanimous approval. Revised language on page 20 of the CSP clarified the veteran's preference section of the plan. A new page was issued and distributed by mail. Proposed performance measures for PY2007 and PY2008 were reviewed and discussed. Gronau moved to approve the State of Iowa negotiated performance measures as the standard for Region 8 and to do a mail vote for official approval. Churchill seconded. Motion carried and approved by members present. Mail vote taken and the State of Iowa negotiated performance measures were approved as the standard for Region 8 by Winkelman, Hargens, Lally, Skoog, Riedmann, Schulz, Schoenherr, Waldo, Wilde, Grasty, Ehlers, Fineran, Pudenz, and Smalley. Unanimous approval. Rick Hunsaker, Executive Director, gave WIA Report. John Carr, Workforce Program Coordinator, has been assigned other regions. Region 8's Workforce Program Coordinator will now be Ted Harms. The next RWIB's tentative meeting date is Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Churchill moved and Bruner seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion carried by members present.