

# Minutes: Workforce Readiness & Performance Council

Webinar/Teleconference

June 10, 2009

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

WFI Board Members present: Eric Kennedy (council chair), Buddy Streit (youth committee chair), Bob Beck, James DeBeaugrine, Don Winstead, Mary Lou Brunnell, (Rusty Skinner - Partners Council)

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM, Eastern. Quorum was not established.

Chairman Kennedy opened the call with the following stated objectives:

1. Increase interaction among committees, and maximize participation
2. Introduce focused subcommittees
  - a. TANF Partnerships
  - b. Reemployment
3. Get the full engagement of the Partners Council

Available Council funds (\$10 million) were discussed:

- \$4M - Youth Opportunities Committee
- \$2M - Technology Committee
  - a. \$1M Employ Florida Marketplace
  - b. \$1M Workforce technology infrastructure
- \$1M - Performance Committee
- \$3M - Council projects
  - a. \$1M TANF Partnerships subcommittee projects, consulting
  - b. \$1M Reemployment strategies and projects
  - c. \$1M Additional Council projects
- TOTAL: \$10 M

Chairman Kennedy recommended that Don Winstead (DCF) and Rusty Skinner (FWDA) co-chair the TANF Partnerships subcommittee. Further discussion to take place leading up to August 2009 WFI board meeting.

Bob Beck accepted the position as chair of the Reemployment subcommittee, provided that a co-chair could be identified to support this role. Chairman Kennedy committed to working on this leading up to the next Council meeting.

The role of the Partners Council was discussed. Rusty Skinner expressed a concern that the "weed issues" are not being confronted and resolved, which is impacting the regions. He also requested a clearer path for resolution of issues. One key area of concern is the TANF participation rate, where the regional workforce boards are affected but do not have control over the factors.

Rusty Skinner recommended the creation of workgroups to tackle such issues, and to include leadership from the regions in these workgroups. He also highlighted the need for better

communication, and announced that the regions - under Florida Workforce Development Association (FWDA) were introducing a new blog site that would be open to anyone.

Rusty Skinner also asked for a "report card" for all Council projects, similar to the Balanced Scorecard, to track effectiveness and to provide reporting and measurement for the board-led projects.

Staff discussed evolving process of investment, request for proposal, budgeting and administration. A more thorough process will be shared at the next Council meeting.

Lois Scott (AWI) provided an update on the Food Stamp Employment & Training (FSET) waiver status, and outlined the steps being taken to move to the new program.

Buddy Streit outlined the steps being taken by the Youth Opportunities Committee to proceed with requests for proposal with an emphasis on at-risk youth, readiness and preparedness for employment.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 28 AM, Eastern.