

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Type:** Full Board Regular Meeting

**Date:** January 13, 2015, 8:30am

**Location:** County Building, Room 2E

**Address:** 1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601

### Board Attendance:

L Lynn Bartlett	Ellen Elias	X Jackie Lue Raia
X Gina Bizzarro	Deborah Fredericks	Corethia Oates
X Steven Blumenthal (Chair)	E Lori Friedman	Maggie Peters
X Mark Bocchieri	X Patrice Goldfarb	Norah Peck
X Jerry Calabrese	X Walter Hecht	X Sharon Rosario*
Robert Calocino	X Jayne Jacobson	X Michele Talamo (Secretary)
X George Charne (Treasurer)	X Greg Janz	X Jim Thebery
Jim Connors	Lorraine Joewono	Thomas Toronto
Dominick D'Agosta	Marcia Karrow	X Vince Vicari
X Dr. Allan DeGiulio	Bernie Nangle*	X Kathy Walsh
Figen Tabakci*	X Tedd Kochman	X Dr. Kaye Walter
Etta Denk	X Shannon Lazare	X Lou Weiss
X Martin Devaney (Vice Chair)	Dr. Howard Lerner	X Paula Wills
X Gerry Drummond	John Susino*	
X Thomas Eastwick	X Jane Linter	

\* Alternate/Proxy; (L) Arrived Late; (E) Left Early; (X) Present

### Also in attendance:

Patty Cullinane, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Dana Egreczky, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation

John Fugazzie, Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Damaris Ramirez, The Healthcare Network Training Center

Claire Scarano, Teaneck Women Train and Work

Marc Shrieks, Bergen County Executive Deputy Chief of Staff

Mark Van Kampen, NJ-DOL

Freeholder Tracy Zur, WIB Liaison

### ➤ **Meeting Opening**

Roll call was taken by C. Polack. A quorum being present, S. Blumenthal read the open public meetings act statement and called the meeting to order at 8:45am. S. Blumenthal led the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions to place. A motion made by W. Hecht, seconded by P. Goldfarb, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting, as distributed, unanimously passed.

### ➤ **Chair Report**

S. Blumenthal extended condolences to T. Molineli at the passing of her father. S. Blumenthal extended thanks to the committee members and officers of the Board for their continued efforts. S. Blumenthal announced that G. Bizzarro was promoted at her job and will be resigning from the Board and as One-Stop Committee Chair. As such, the Board is seeking a new One-Stop Chair.

### ➤ **Certificate of Appreciation**

S. Blumenthal presented the Bergen WIB Certificate of Appreciation to George Ginsberg in recognition of his contributions in the rewriting the Bergen WIB Bylaws.

### ➤ **Board Actions/Consent Agenda**

On a motion made by J. Thebery, seconded by G. Bizzarro, the following resolutions were approved as follows:

- 2015-01** To Accept the Rescission of Funding of \$31.00 from NJ Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development for Workforce Learning Link Program

- b. **2015-02** To Accept the Rescission of Funding of \$130,577.00 from the NJ Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development for WorkFirst New Jersey (WFNJ) Grant
- c. **2015-03** To Accept the Rescission of Funding of \$803.00 from the NJ Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development for Workforce Smart Steps Program
- d. **2015-04** To Accept the Grant Award of \$2,408.00 from the NJ Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development for SmartSTEPS Program 2014-15 Funding
- e. **2015-05** Approval for Speaker, WFNJ/TANF Clients
- f. **2015-06** Approval of the Governance Committee Charter

<b>Consent Agenda Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Lynn Bartlett				X
Gina Bizzarro	X			
Steven Blumenthal (Chair)	X			
Mark Bocchieri	X			
Jerry Calabrese	X			
Robert Calocino				X
George Charne (Treasurer)	X			
Jim Connors				X
Dominick D'Agosta				X
Dr. Allan DeGiulio (Figen Tabakci*)	X			
Etta Denk				X
Martin Devaney (Vice Chair)	X			
Gerry Drummond	X			
Thomas Eastwick	X			
Ellen Elias				X
Deborah Fredericks				X
Lori Friedman	X			
Patrice Goldfarb	X			
Walter Hecht	X			
Jayne Jacobson	X			
Greg Janz	X			
Lorraine Joewono				X
Marcia Karrow (Bernie Nangle*)				X
Tedd Kochman	X			
Shannon Lazare	X			
Dr. Howard Lerner (John Susino*)				X
Jane Linter	X			
Jackie Lue Raia	X			
Corethia Oates				X
Maggie Peters				X
Norah Peck (Sharon Rosario*)	X			
Michele Talamo (Secretary)	X			
Jim Thebery	X			
Thomas Toronto				X
Vince Vicari	X			
Kathy Walsh	X			
Dr. Kaye Walter	X			
Lou Weiss	X			
Paula Wills	X			

\* Alternate/Proxy

➤ **2015-16 Youth Initiatives**

S. Lazare announced a potential collaboration with the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation (NJCCF) to do a youth mentorship program and fundraising to supplement WIB youth initiatives. S. Lazare introduced Dana Egreczky and Patty Cullinane from the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation. D. Egreczky presented to the

Board the various programs offered by NJCCF and distributed supporting materials. D. Egreczky went into details about its model mentorship program and expressed an interest in bringing the program to Bergen County. D. Egreczky then answered questions from the Board. C. Polack announced that S. Rosario is now Vice Chair of the Youth Investment Council. S. Lazare announced that she will be presenting to the State Employment and Training Commission (SETC) in February to advocate for future funding to continue the Youth Symposiums.

➤ **Governance Committee**

M. Devaney reported that the Committee held its first meeting and drafted its Charter. There will be an upcoming election for Secretary and Treasurer of the Board. The Committee is seeking additional members. Anyone interested should email C. Polack.

➤ **Treasurers Report**

G. Charne reported on the One-Stop budget (as of 11/30/2014) included in the Board Packet. The Performance Outcome Report (dated 1/6/2015) was reviewed. It was explained that the drop in in Adult Retention is due, largely in part, to the shelter program participants not retaining the jobs they were placed in. It was also explained that the drop in the youth numbers is due, in part, to a database cleanup. G. Janz answered a question from the Board about the WorkFirst New Jersey Recession (Res. No. 2015-02) by explaining how the WFNJ program and funding stream requirements, and how it differs from other funding streams.

➤ **One-Stop Director Report**

G. Janz reported to the Board on the implemented customer flow changes. It was announced that the youth funding allocations, as per the new legislation (WIOA), is 25% in-school youth and 75% out-of-school youth. It was announced that the Bergen One-Stop will be hosting an orientation on January 21<sup>st</sup> to reach out to more out-of-school youth and get to get them into the program. It was announced that Donna Todd will serve as the single-point-of-contact for businesses coming directly through the WIB and One-Stop (outside the Business Resource Center).

➤ **Site Reviews**

C. Polack announced the call for volunteers to participate in the upcoming WFNJ site reviews. S. Lazare and M. Devaney shared their site review experiences and the importance for Board participation in them.

➤ **Committee Reports**

Committee reports were distributed in the Board Packet. No questions were received from the Board. L. Weiss reported that the Business Development Committee is planning to host a Business Expo in the Spring in partnership with Chambers of Commerce and that an Older Workers subcommittee was formed. C. Polack read the Executive Director report on behalf of T. Molinelli.

➤ **Old Business**

S. Blumenthal updated the Board on the board insurance coverage. The insurance provider clarified that members companies are covered under the plan as well. S. Blumenthal read the suggested language for the reserved Section IX of the WIB Bylaws. A motion was made by A. DeGiulio, seconded by P. Goldfarb, to amend the Bylaws with the recommended language. Discussion followed. Motion failed. A motion made by J. Thebery, seconded by J. Linter, to table the bylaws amendment unanimously passed. The Board asked that the language be modified to be less restrictive since the bylaws are secondary to the insurance policy.

S. Blumenthal opened discussion on the board meeting frequency, time, and location. Discussion followed. Motion made by T. Eastwick to move the meeting location to Bergen Community College. G. Charne seconded the motion. Roll call vote for motion was taken, all in favor: 16, all opposed: 9. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lynn Bartlett		X		
Gina Bizzarro	X			
Steven Blumenthal (Chair)	X			
Mark Bocchieri	X			
Jerry Calabrese		X		
Robert Calocino				X
George Charne (Treasurer)	X			

<b>Roll Call Vote (CONTINUED)</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Jim Connors				X
Dominick D'Agosta				X
Dr. Allan DeGiulio (Figen Tabakci*)		X		
Etta Denk				X
Martin Devaney (Vice Chair)	X			
Gerry Drummond		X		
Thomas Eastwick	X			
Ellen Elias				X
Deborah Fredericks				X
Lori Friedman				X
Patrice Goldfarb		X		
Walter Hecht		X		
Jayne Jacobson	X			
Greg Janz	X			
Lorraine Joewono				X
Marcia Karrow (Bernie Nangle*)				X
Tedd Kochman				X
Shannon Lazare	X			
Dr. Howard Lerner (John Susino*)				X
Jane Linter	X			
Jackie Lue Raia	X			
Corethia Oates				X
Maggie Peters		X		
Norah Peck (Sharon Rosario*)				X
Michele Talamo (Secretary)	X			
Jim Thebery		X		
Thomas Toronto				X
Vince Vicari	X			
Kathy Walsh	X			
Dr. Kaye Walter	X			
Lou Weiss	X			
Paula Wills		X		

\* Alternate/Proxy

➤ **New Business**

W. Hecht requested that Economic Development make regular reports to the Board.

➤ **Public Comments**

John Fugazzie announced the Ready to Work New Jersey grant that was awarded to help the long term unemployed. The volunteer committee won the award and is now working with the Bergen Community College Consortium. The consortium will be communicating through T. Molinelli.

L. Bartlett announced a job opening for a licensed clinical social worker.

➤ **Adjournment**

A motion made by L. Weiss, seconded by M. Bocchieri to adjourn the meeting, unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned.