



**Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2005**

Members:

Gary Barnes

Northwest Food Employers, Inc.
Management

Diane Boly

Boly/Welch Inc.
Management

Al Dorgan

United Steelworks of America
Labor

Faith Dubin

Serena Software
Public

Margaret Hallock

Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics
Public

Gwyn Harvey, Chair

Oregon Workforce Investment Board
Public

Sonja Henning

Tonkon Torp LLC
Public

Tim Nesbitt

Oregon AFL-CIO
Labor

Linda Rasmussen

Communications Workers of America
Labor

Patrick Smith

Lane, Coos, Curry, Douglas Building Trades Co.
Labor

Lisa Trussell

Associated Oregon Industries
Management

Vacant

Management

Present

Diane Boly, Al Dorgan, Margaret Hallock,
Gwyn Harvey, Tim Nesbitt, Linda Rasmussen,
and Patrick Smith.

Not Present

Gary Barnes, Sonja Henning, Faith Dubin
and Lisa Trussell.

Employment Department Staff

Debbie Lincoln, Greg Hickman, Tamara Brickman,
Dave Allen and Tammy Adkins.

Old Business

The April 21, 2005 minutes were accepted.

Minutes

The May 18th minutes will be submitted via email.

The meeting began at 10:05 am.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Gwyn Harvey – Advisory Council members were welcomed to the meeting. Approval of the minutes from April 18th was deferred until a full quorum existed.

STATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Dave Allen – There has been concern with respect to how the Oregon Workforce Investment Board (OWIB) are viewed at the state level. Therefore, and on its own initiative, a State Plan to address Oregon's strategy, goals and vision was developed. The State Plan went out to OWIB for public comment in mid April with a 30 day comment period. The State Plan will be reviewed by the OWIB Executive Committee on May 26th so that the Plan can be filed by the end of May. A full review, discussion, and approval will be sought at the quarterly OWIB meeting in June.

Plan Strategies:

- 1) One-stop partners will be co-located within two years.
- 2) Core services will be consistently provided statewide within two years.
- 3) Business services will be coordinated within the workforce system.

Since most one-stops are located in OED field offices, many recognize that OED is best suited to provide core services because they already have the staff trained and in place. Accordingly, OED will continue collaboration of services between state and local partners.

Gwyn Harvey – Called for comments or corrections to the minutes of April 21st.

MOTION: **Al Dorgan** – Made a motion to accept the minutes of April 21st as is.

SECOND: **Pat Smith.**

MOTION CARRIED: The minutes of April 21, 2005 were unanimously approved.

JOBS PLUS UPDATE

Debbie Lincoln – Reported that one of the JOBS Plus bills, HB 3462, remains in the House Business Labor and Consumer Affairs committee. Some of the language from HB 3462 was gut and stuffed to HB 3307, however, HB 3307 was further amended in committee before being sent to the House Budget Committee. HB 3307 was amended to create a task force to study the use of unemployment insurance funds to fund job training programs, including but not limited to (a) The JOBS Plus Program; and (b) The Employers Workforce Training Program. HB 3307 also directs the Employment Department to expend any non obligated funds remaining (approximately \$1.8 million) in the JOBS Plus fund to continue the program into the next biennium.

HB 3307 will keep the program going until the \$1.8 is gone and then the program will be over, allowing OED to place 630 people through the JOBS Plus program. However, a determination still has to be made as to how \$1.8 million should be spent and then obtain appropriation and staff approval. HB 3307 must still get through the House Budget Committee and then the Senate.

John Egge, JOBS Plus Advisory Committee Chair, sent out a letter to numerous employers who had used the JOBS Plus program asking them to send a letter to OED, with copies to the Governor and Representative Lim. The letters were answered individually by Debbie Lincoln. It is interesting to note that many of the letters received were from employers who only used the JOBS Plus program once in the last 3-4 years.

WIA SENATE UPDATE

Debbie Lincoln – indicated that the Senate committee passed the Senate Bill on WIA and that it is on its way to the Senate floor. When it is going to be considered is not yet known. The Secretary of Labor sent a letter to the Senate chair to express the Administration's strong opposition to the bill. There is no consolidation to WIA and Wagner-Peyser fund, personal employment accounts, targeting out of school youth rather than any youth, and some other kinds of things.

Gwyn Harvey – took further note of the fact that there appears to be some pretty severe disconnects between the House and the Senate bills. In talking with Federal folks, there is a really strong conviction that these things must happen and they are not willing to let go because they think they can make them happen.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Tamara Brickman – provided a legislative update and table listing all Priority 1 & 2 status bills affecting OED. Specific note was made of the following:

- **HB 2124** (SUTA Dumping) was signed into law last Friday.
- **HB 3113** Discussion as to whether OED will be allowed to make use of general fund monies for transportation of veterans seeking employment, education, or training.
- **HB 3305** (UI Extension) was signed on 4/21/2005.
- **HB 2127** (SEDAF Tax Reduction) will have a signing ceremony as soon as the Governor's office can set it up and Tamara will notify the Advisory Council in case they want to attend the ceremony.

CLOSING BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING – (6/23 @ 10AM - 12:00)

- Update on JOBS Plus.
- State Plan Development Update
- Legislative Update (Tamara Brickman)
- Strategic Plan?
- WIA Update
- Self-Employment Assistance Program Update

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:03 AM....