



**Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
June 23, 2005**

**Members:**

**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*

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**Present**

Diane Boly, Al Dorgan, Faith Dubin, Gwyn Harvey  
Tim Nesbitt, Linda Rasmussen & Patrick Smith.

**Not Present**

Margaret Hallock, Sonja Henning & Lisa Trussell.

**Employment Department Staff**

Debbie Lincoln, Greg Hickman, Tamara Brickman,  
Pat Sanderlin, & Tammy Adkins.

**Old Business**

The May 18, 2005 minutes were approved.

**Minutes**

The June 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes will be reviewed and approved  
at the September meeting.

The meeting began at 10:05 am.

## COUNCIL BUSINESS

**Gwyn Harvey** – Advisory Council members were welcomed to the meeting. The minutes of May 23<sup>rd</sup> were unanimously approved.

## SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE UPDATE

**Pat Sanderlin** – Provided an overview of the Self-Employment Assistance (SEA) program. Under this program, claimants are entitled to receive unemployment benefits, along with any profits they make in their business endeavors. There is no requirement to actively seek work, but claimants are expected to certify their self-employment activities of at least 40 hours per week. It was noted that the SEA program appears to be effective, as many of the people who were receiving unemployment insurance benefits a year ago now have employees of their own. Oregon is one of seven states who have a SEA program. The Employment Department had had an average of 21.5 employees, resulting in a cost of \$105,369. This program is funded through the regular UI administration grant. Currently, however, there are two pilot programs aimed at: a) getting people into the program more quickly and b) marketing the program to eligible claimants. In an effort to expedite entry into the SEA program, claimants who are already involved in self employment activities are flagged in the system. The US Department of Labor (USDOL) has indicated that only 5% can participate in this program, but we have yet to reach this point.

### **The SEA program is offered to unemployed claimants who are:**

- Unemployed through no fault of their own.
- Have no return to work date.
- Are not attached to a union hall.
- Are 18 years of age or older.
- Scored in the worker profile system as likely to exhaust UI benefits prior to returning to work.

### **Criteria to receive benefits:**

- Must agree to spend 40 hrs per week on business related activity.
- Must have all required occupational licenses in place.
- Must be a legal or appropriate business.
- Must submit a written business development plan to OED.
- Must agree to visit with counselor/advisor.

## STATE RECRUITMENT UPDATE

**Greg Hickman** – A number of state agencies have volunteered to contribute funds towards the development of one system for employment recruiting which would encompass all state agencies. A proposal has been drafted and presented to the

Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for a possible pilot program for State of Oregon open competitive recruitments using the Employment Department's iMatchSkills (iMS) system. The goal is to use the iMS system as the computer system for open competitive recruitments. Furthermore, the proposal recommends that we create a subcommittee of agency budget analysts to address the how this proposal could be financed.

### WIA REAUTHORIZATION UPDATE

**Debbie Lincoln** – Noted that there was nothing new to report on this topic.

### JOBS PLUS UPDATE

**Debbie Lincoln** – John Courtney, of HIRE Calling, asked for and received support from the Associated Oregon Industries (AOI) executive committee for support of the JOBS Plus program. HIRE Calling has requested another set of amendments which would reduce the amount of money requested for the JOBS Plus program and set up the JOBS Plus Stability account from money in the Individual Education Account (IEA).

### 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 2662** Domestic Violence - signed into law June 20<sup>th</sup>, temp rules have been developed. Comments have been solicited from the advocates of this bill and will be addressed in the rule.
- **HB 2950** Dependent Care Assistance - effective January 1<sup>st</sup>

### CLOSING BUSINESS

### NEXT MEETING – (9/16 @ 10AM - 12:00)

**Tamara Brickman** – Noted that there are two management positions which remain vacant and stressed the need to get these positions filled as soon as possible.

### MEETING ADJOURNED