

CONNECTICUT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COMMISSION (CETC)

June 9, 2016

9:00 a.m.

CT Department of Labor – Conference Rooms A&B

Wethersfield

Minutes

Present: Donald Shubert (Chair); Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman (Vice-Chair); Andrea Comer; John Harrity; James Ieronimo; Zdzilaw Kremens; Kathleen Marioni; Deborah Monahan; Ray Oneglia; Amy Porter; JoAnn Ryan; Paul Timpanelli; Lyle Wray; Dianne Wentzell; Peter Palermino (for R. Bremby); Lindy Gold (for C. Smith); Alice Pritchard (for M. Ojakian); Kurt Westby (for S. Jackson)

Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Harrity, seconded by Ms. Monahan, members voted unanimously to approve the March 17, 2016 minutes as submitted.

Correspondence

Chair Donald Shubert reported that no relevant CETC-related correspondence had been received or sent since March 17, 2016.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered at this meeting.

Lieutenant Governor's Report

Lt. Governor Wyman thanked CETC members for their continued service. She reported that she was inspired by the recent Platform to Employment (P2E) graduation at the Department of Veterans Affairs for twenty veterans who had completed the program at DVA's Rocky Hill campus.

Report of the Chair

Chair Donald Shubert addressed the draft proposed revised (May 26, 2016) CETC by-laws that had been distributed for review prior to the meeting, noting his intention to poll members via email, asking for the vote electronically (as authorized in the current by-laws) to ensure the requisite two-thirds votes cast needed to approve revisions. Members discussed the pros and cons of permitting participation in (attendance at) meetings via telephone, but reached no conclusion on that matter. At Lt. Governor Wyman's suggestion, it was decided to distribute two versions of the draft proposed by-laws revisions – one including a provision for telephone participation/attendance (to be highlighted in the draft text) and one without, requesting a vote by members via email.

Mr. Shubert addressed the proposed CETC Committee structure and related activities that had been forwarded to members for review in advance of the meeting. Proposed committees include the Service Design and Delivery Committee, Planning and Performance Accountability Committee, and Business Engagement Committee, respectively. He noted that several CETC members are under consideration to serve as Co-Chairs for each committee, but that volunteers to play that role are welcome, as are volunteers to serve as members of each committee. Mr. Shubert emphasized the important oversight role CETC is expected to play in guiding WIOA implementation.

At Mr. Shubert's request, CTDOL's Ram Aberasturia presented information concerning Connecticut's Program Year 2016 (PY16) (July 2016 – June 2017) funding allocations. Total availability is \$34,149,177.

Funding to be allocated to the local workforce development boards/local workforce areas is \$25,438,375, to be allocated as follows: Southwest/\$5,311,313; North Central/\$7,378,291; South Central/\$5,371,856; Eastern/\$3,417,604; Northwest/\$3,959,312. Rapid Response allocation is \$3,588,424. Governor's 15% Set-Aside for Statewide Activities is \$5,122,377, to be allocated as follows: Disseminating performance data-CTDOL Office of Research/\$192,126; Conducting evaluations-Oversight-Administration/\$3,158,115; AJC Career Services/\$1,112,136; Incentive awards to Boards/\$300,000; Technical Assistance to Boards/\$10,000; Demonstration projects/\$300,000; Capacity Building/technical assistance/\$50,000.

On a motion by Lt. Governor Wyman, seconded by Mr. Oneglia, members voted unanimously to approve the proposed PY16 WIOA allocations as presented.

On a motion by Dr. Wray, seconded by John Harrity, members voted unanimously to approve designation of the North Central local workforce area through June 2017.

Mr. Shubert reported that the next two CETC meetings are scheduled for September 22, 2016 and December 15, 2016.

Connecticut Energy Workforce Development Consortium

Andrea Comer provided an update on recent CEWDC efforts, citing foundational recommendations developed by DEEP consistent with the State's comprehensive energy strategy and subsequent analysis of specific opportunities and priorities to be pursued. A strategic planning effort is underway. Ms. Comer noted that CEWDC meets next on June 16, at which time members will address: status/completion of the strategic planning process; updating the *GetintoEnergy* website to incorporate a calendar of events and jobs postings; bi-annual updating of maps and metrics; enhanced connections between the CTHHS high schools and local workforce development boards; and development of a standard curriculum to promote consistency of training standards.

In the subsequent discussion it was suggested that CEWDC efforts link-up with Bryan Garcia and the CT Green Bank, the Fuel Cell Coalition housed at CCAT, and municipal utility companies.

Local Workforce Development Boards Youth Committees

James Ieronimo reported that while CETC will not have a state-level youth-focused committee under WIOA implementation going forward, he has been asked by Chairman Shubert to serve as CETC's liaison to the Youth Committees on each of the five local workforce development boards. Mr. Ieronimo discussed the challenges inherent in WIOA's policy shift from an emphasis on serving in-school youth to a new emphasis on an out-of-school youth priority, the need to fund programs immediately despite the lack of final Federal program guidelines/regulations, the significant resulting strains on the local boards, the need to build strong linkages to local adult education programs and services, and the impending start of the summer youth employment program, where there are twice as many eligible youth statewide than available funding. Commissioner Porter noted that under WIOA, DORS' youth focus has shifted in emphasis to serving in-school youth with disabilities, increasing the need for different components of the larger workforce system to coordinate efforts efficiently.

Office of Workforce Competitiveness Report

OWC's Kim Andy reported that all five local workforce development boards had submitted regional plans on time, plans are under review by OWC and CTDOL WIOA Administration Unit staff, and MOUs between the respective boards and CTDOL had been executed. Executives of four of the five local boards offered informal overviews highlighting key aspects of their regional plans: John Beauregard,

President and CEO, Eastern Regional Workforce Investment Board (EWIB)/Eastern region; Thomas Phillips, President and CEO, Capital Workforce Partners (CWP)/North Central region; Adrienne Parkmond, Chief Operating Officer, The Workplace, Inc./Southwest region; and, William Villano, President and CEO, Workforce Alliance/South Central region.

Kathy Marioni noted that Cathy Awwad had a schedule conflict for this meeting but would present an overview of the NRWIB plan for the Northwest region at the September CETC meeting. She noted that each of the regional plans would be posted on the CETC website for review in the near future. Ms. Parkmond briefly described a USDOL-supported customer-centered design initiative she co-chairs with CTDOL's Victor Fuda that will eventually fold into the work of the Service Design and Delivery Committee. Ms. Marioni described recent efforts in collaboration with Board of Regents Chief of Staff Alice Pritchard to promote the advanced technology centers, and reported on CTDOL's receipt of a \$200,000 USDOL ApprenticeshipUSA State Accelerator Grant award to help integrate the apprenticeship model into the state's education and workforce training system, working with industry and related partners to bring apprenticeship into new industries and populations.

Other Business

DORS Commissioner Porter noted the need for a CETC member to serve on the State Rehabilitation Council, asked for volunteers, requesting that anyone interested in serving contact her directly for information.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.