

Baltimore Workforce Investment Board

Full Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 2010
Baltimore City Community College
Reisterstown Plaza Campus
6764-A Reisterstown Road – Plaza Center
Baltimore, MD 21215
8:00 am – 10:30 am

Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview

Chairman Ashworth welcomed all members for the final BWIB Board meeting of 2010. Before beginning on the formal agenda he recognized Neil Meltzer from Sinai Hospital for his recent appointment to serve on the National Health Care Workforce Commission. He then recognized long-time BWIB member Larry Walton, who will be retiring from his post with the United Way, and has indicated that he will be stepping down from the BWIB. The Chairman thanked Larry for his service, especially his dedicated leadership of our Public Policy Committee.

In his meeting overview, the Chairman noted that the group would be given a series of important informational updates. First, Carolyn Mitchell, from the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation will provide the Board with an update on our state's recent acceptance of a \$ 1 million federal grant award to support workforce data quality initiatives.

Next, representatives from the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers will discuss The Living Cities Integration Initiative, and the \$ 19 million funding opportunity that this has brought to Baltimore. Mr. Ashworth noted that a good portion the meeting would be dedicated to a focused discussion on brainstorming actions or refinements to our current agenda in light of the findings of the Talent Development Pipeline Study. This brain-storming session comes as a direct result of a request from Mayor Rawlings-Blake at the September press conference when we unveiled the report.

At the end of this discussion, the BWIB was asked to consider the formal ratification of the current 2010 – 2012 BWIB Strategic Plan, to include any modifications, and endorse the plan for the second year of the cycle.

Greetings and Welcome to BCCC

Mr. Ashworth observed that this meeting marked the fifth time the board met at the site of one of MOED's ARRA training vendors, in this case, here at the Baltimore City Community College. A number of training providers have been rolling out a series of additional training programs, within a variety of the BWIB's industry sectors, thanks to funding provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Mr. Ashworth extended special thanks to Dr. Carolane Williams, President of BCCC, for hosting the event. BCCC Vice President, Dr. Lucious Anderson welcomed the BWIB membership and briefed the group on the ARRA training being offered through the community college.

Review and Approval of 06-08-2010 Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the September 7, 2010 quarterly BWIB meeting were presented for approval and subsequently approved by voice vote.

Presentation – Carolyn Mitchell of DLLR

Mr. Ashworth introduced Carolyn Mitchell, Director of the Office of Workforce Information and Performance at the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Carolyn was invited to provide the BWIB with an overview of the new Workforce Data Quality Initiative grant Maryland just

received. Her presentation provided the Board with an explanation of how these funds will promote work with the Talent Development Pipeline Study by enhancing our ability to better connect workforce and education data.

Presentation – Baltimore Integration Partnership

The Chairman introduced Betsy Nelson and Martha Holleman from the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers. Betsy, Martha and other members of the team provided the group with an overview of the Living Cities Integration Initiative, and the funding opportunity that this has brought to Baltimore.

Discussion – Refining BWIB Objectives in Light of TDPS Study Findings

Because the meeting ran over the time limits, this topic was tabled for a future meeting.

Ratification of BWIB 2010 – 2012 Strategic Plan for Calendar Year 2011

BWIB members ratified the plan.

Final Comments and Adjournment

Chairman Ashworth thanked the members for their generous contribution of time and expertise to the BWIB committees. He encouraged the Board members to continue their good work in support of the workforce needs of Baltimore residents and asked that each member re-commit to participating on at least one of the BWIB committees. He noted that the next full board meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, March 1, 2011, and wished all BWIB members a happy holiday season. A full meeting schedule for next year has been included in the meeting packet.