

Cumberland/Salem Workforce Investment Board ARRA Oversight Committee

Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2010

Attendance:

John Hall, WIB Member
Thomas Isekenegbe, Cumberland County College
Cheryl Miller, Salem One Stop
Frank Maurer, SCVTS
Dante Rieti, Cumberland County Department of E&T
Allison Spinelli, Cumberland County Office of E&T
Anthony Chiesa, Cumberland One Stop
Todd Bonsall, Cumberland Vo-Tech
Robin Widing, SECT
Sheri Stephens, Groupe SEB USA
Christy DiLeonardo, Cumberland/Salem WIB
Bert Lopez, Atlantic City Electric
Pat Constantino, PathStone
Shelley Spina, Cumberland/Salem WIB

Handouts:

Cumberland County ARRA Contracts (ITA and OJT) Career Areas
WIA ARRA Youth Program Financial Status Report
WIA ARRA Dislocated Worker Program
ARRA Dislocated Worker Financial Status
WIA ARRA Adult Program
Salem County One Stop Career Center ARRA Report

Welcome and Opening Remarks; Bert Lopez

In the absence of Julie Acton, the meeting was called to order by WIB Chair Bert Lopez. He introduced Robin Widing from the SETC and welcomed her to the meeting.

Minutes:

Bert asked for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. The motion was made by John Hall and seconded by Anthony Chiesa.

ARRA Updates:

Salem County: Cheryl Miller

Salem has 25 customers enrolled in occupational training using the ARRA funds. They are enrolled in Career Clusters. \$88,545 of the \$91,101 is either expended or obligated to date.

They have 37 customers enrolled in the Dislocated Workers Program in occupational training using the ARRA funds. They are also enrolled in Career Clusters. \$114,444 of the \$151,367 is either expended or obligated to date.

They have 2 Out of School Youth enrolled in occupational training after completing Summer Work Experience. Both are enrolled in Associate Degree programs at the Salem Community College using ARRA funds for training. They had 90 youth enrolled in their Summer Youth Program. \$142,714 of the \$199,747 is either expended or obligated to date.

There was a discussion about whether or not there will be Summer Youth funds for this year. Dante stated that the latest version coming out of the Senate has no funds for Summer Youth. Robin agreed with Dante. She recently was in Washington and the talk about the Summer Youth Program around the country was positive. Last years program was a great success.

Cumberland County: Allison Spinelli

The Adult program had a budget of \$673,141 and as of February 28, 2010 \$609,029 has been expended leaving a \$64,112 available balance. 90.48% of the funds have been expended. The total actual enrollments were 194. 156.45% of plan was achieved. They will not be enrolling anymore Adults in ARRA.

They were able to receive \$96,000 DVIN Grant for this program. She went over the expenditures with the committee. Expenditures represent cash plus accruals plus obligations as reported to NJDOLWD on the Local Area's February 28, 2010 Financial report. They served 145 actual enrollments and achieved 100.69% of the plan. They will continue to serve individuals.

There were 350 youth served in the Summer Youth Program. They hit 92% of their goal. They still have some resources left and they are thinking of doing another Career Camp and a small Summer Youth program serving maybe 50 youth in Cumberland County and 20 in Salem County. There was a discussion and the committee agreed to use those resources that way.

Special Services

Rutgers Hands on Food Safety Training

Allison stated that there is no update for this program

Weatherization Program

They are providing OJT to Tri County CAP for about 4 individuals. There was no further update.

Todd reported the CCTEC is doing their first session. It is a 10 week class with 5 weeks are educational and 5 weeks are in workshop training. They have 14 individuals in this session. They will be starting a second session in July. They are partnering with the

Black Ministers Council and Local 55. The funds came from the state through ARRA money. Dante would like to get someone from those partners to attend the next meeting. He would like the next meeting to be moved up to May.

Allison said that there is no new update on Bulk Training. 16 individuals started and 14 completed.

Old/New Business:

Dante reported that there is a 3 ½% to 4% cut in WFNJ funds. Cumberland County runs a transit system that will no longer be funded. He will know more in May.

Adjournment:

With no other business, Bert asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by John Hall.