

CHIEF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS CONSORTIUM

MEETING MINUTES – INFORMATIONAL ONLY

July 16, 2008

A meeting of the Chief Local Elected Officials Consortium (CLEO) was held on July 16, 2008 at the NRV Competitiveness Center in Fairlawn, VA. Those in attendance were as follows:

Council Members

Joseph Sheffey, Chairman
Howard Spencer
Shawn Utt
Bill Brown
Ronald Newman
Jim Heaney

Ronnie Martin
Marty Holliday

Guest

Jim Coen - VEC
Bob McKinney - VEC

At 9:35 AM, CLEO Chairman Sheffey called the meeting to order noting that a quorum was not present.

Chairman Sheffey asked the members to observe a moment of silence in honor of the passing of past CLEO member Bob Lloyd.

Chairman Sheffey introduced Shawn Utt, the new representative for Pulaski County. He asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Chairman Sheffey asked that informational minutes be taken of the meeting.

Chairman Sheffey asked Mr. Martin to present the Fiscal Agent Report. Mr. Martin brought the members' attention to the Fiscal Agent Report by Program Operator through May 31, 2008. All programs are doing well. Mr. Martin told the Members that he expected most of the funds to be spent and to have very little carryover into PY '08. Mr. Martin indicated that Area 2 had been approved to receive an additional \$82,400 (one quarter of our request) and had the availability of funds extended to December 31, 2008. Mr. Martin next discussed the possible transfer of Adult funds to the Dislocated Worker Program. Prior to providing additional Rapid Response funds, the state is requiring that the Board consider transferring up to 20% of our available Adult funds to support activities under the DLW program. Mr. Martin indicated that he did not believe that this transfer of funds was in the best interest of the Board. He further elaborated on the reduced Adult funding over the last several years including a 15.5% reduction for PY'08. This is occurring at the same time as the DLW funding is increasing by 18.7%. Also, if Adult funding is completely obligated there are no additional funds at the state level to support this activity. The transfer of funds is at the sole discretion of the Board and the state is requiring that the Board take action on the transfer of Adult funds to the DLW program. Mr. Martin told the members that the WIB rejected the transfer option.

Chairman Sheffey next asked Mr. Martin to report on Performance by Jurisdiction. Mr. Martin told the Members that all programs and operators were doing well. He asked the Members to take the totals for the DLW program and add them to the totals of the Rapid Response program to see the full impact of clients served for all DLW clients.

Chairman Sheffey continued with the agenda asking Mr. Martin to report on the preliminary PY'08 Allocations and funding comparisons. Mr. Martin drew the members' attention to the detailed printouts contained in their packets. Mr. Martin reviewed the data pertaining to the PY' 08 Preliminary Allocations along with a review of the WIA Funding comparisons from PY '00 thru PY'08. Mr. Martin noted that PY'08 Allocations were 7.7% less than those for PY'07.

Chairman Sheffey continued asking Mr. Martin to discuss the WIA Rescissions. Mr. Martin explained in detail the WIA Grant Rescissions. Mr. Martin continued noting that funding levels remain uncertain at this point. A brief discussion was held on funding levels.

Chairman Sheffey continued with the agenda asking Mr. Martin to present the PY'08 WIB Budget. Mr. Martin drew the members' attention to the detailed PY'08 WIB Budget contained in their packets. Mr. Martin gave a detailed explanation of the budget. Mr. Martin explained that the CLEOs would need to take action at their September meeting since there was not a quorum.

Chairman Sheffey continued with the agenda asking Mr. Coen, the One Stop Operator representative, to present the One Stop Operator Report. Mr. Coen drew the members' attention to a report contained in their packets detailing the One Stop Operator Activities and Service Delivery thru July 11, 2008. Mr. Coen reviewed the data in detail with the members.

Chairman Sheffey asked for an update on WIB vacancies for Bland and Floyd Counties. Ms. Holliday told the members that she had been in contact with Dan Campbell of Floyd County and that they hoped to have a nomination by the September CLEO meeting. There was no update available from Bland County.

Chairman Sheffey asked Mr. Martin to update the Members on the Wytheville Comprehensive One Stop Center. Mr. Martin told the members that a meeting was held in Wytheville with all of the stakeholders in this project on June 13, 2008 and that a Site Selection committee had been established and that they had looked at the Goodies/Big Lots buildings in Wytheville. They were also in discussion with the Wythe County Board of Supervisors about the new DSS facility that was being planned. Mr. Martin told the members that he would keep them updated as things progressed on this initiative.

Chairman Sheffey asked Ms. Holliday to update the Members on the GED Day initiative. Ms. Holliday told the members that the Commonwealth had designated October 15, 2008 as GED Day. She was meeting with the Regional Directors of Adult Education to develop a plan for WIA 2 and that they would be attempting to attend the various Board

of Supervisor or City Council meetings in the area and have each jurisdiction adopt a GED Day Proclamation. She told the Members that she would have more information at their next meeting. A brief discussion was held on the impact of Adult Education in the region.

Chairman Sheffey stated that since a quorum was not present they could elect Officers and Executive Committee members for PY'08.

Chairman Sheffey next drew the members' attention to the informational sheet in their packet that listed unemployment changes by jurisdiction for the area and Virginia as a whole, unemployment changes for the last four months and the local key economic indicators. A brief discussion was held on this matter.

Chairman Sheffey continued with the agenda, drawing member's attention to the 2008 CLEO meeting schedule in their packets, noting that the next meeting will be held on September 17, 2008 at the Wytheville Workforce Center beginning at 9:30AM.

Chairman Sheffey told the group that this would be the last meeting for him and that he enjoyed working with them all. Mr. Brown asked that a plaque be made and given to Chairman Sheffey for his many years of service on the CLEO Consortium. Mr. Martin said that he would take care of getting one made.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Martin
Executive Director