



**The Emerging Workforce Committee
Governor's Workforce Policy Advisory Board
May 27, 2009**

Committee Members Present: Chair Bobbi Montgomery, Gail Agahi, Susan Boggs, Sharon Fish, Terri Hill, Sharon Sobol Jordan, Andre Morrison

Additional Attendees: Mekelle Armstrong, Vangie Collazo, Annette Galli Jones, Julia Hinten, Bruce Madson, Kathy Maybriar, Bob Scarborough, Jenny Spohr, Shannon Vanderpool, John Weber

Welcome

Chair Bobbi Montgomery opened the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Letter to Congress

A draft letter was provided to the Committee for review. Chair Montgomery reminded the Committee that the letter will incorporate feedback from both the January 16th dialogue session with Workforce Investment Board Directors, Youth Board Chairs, and Regional Providers as well as the YEPPR feedback form e-mailed on March 27, 2009.

John Weber from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) informed the Committee that a study conducted by the University of Cincinnati would be a good best practice example to include in the letter. John informed the Committee that he would share that letter with the group.

Discussion also centered on WIA Reauthorization and that youth employment can help move the economy. The Committee suggested language for the letter. An update will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

Joint Guidance Letter:

Chair Montgomery stated that no joint letter/memo is signed by both ODJFS's fiscal and program offices. This will serve as a guidance letter with regard to documentation, eligibility and other requirements necessitated at the local level as it relates to federal stimulus funds. It was noted that we are still waiting for a response on guidance; it has not been determined how well it has been received.

Urban Youth Works/ RFP Updates

John Weber provided an update on the Urban Youth Works program. He stated that it is a 15 month grant as opposed to the 12 month originally reported. The RFP will be out June 8th. The Committee appreciated the ability to have a say in the Stimulus Youth Programs released by the Governor's office.



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Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lt. Governor

Nancy Kramer, Chair
Bruce Wyngaard, Vice Chair

Additional Committee Discussion

- The Governor's office has given the go ahead on an extension for the YEPPER no- cost extension.
- The Committee asked for a list of discretionary dollars from ODJFS.

Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.