WORKFORCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
Wednesday, December 8, 2010
12:00 – 1:30 pm
Board Room, 1000 Bdg.

Present: Charlie Best – The Worker Center, John Cain – Boeing, Pam Gee-Oliver – Bio-Rad Labs, Ken Hamm - First Choice Health, Jason Redrup – IAM District 751A, AFL-CIO.
Guest: Joan Weiss, CTC Labor Liaison.

Charlie welcomed all and introductions were made.

Minutes
Two corrections were made under the heading Labor Market General Discussion
- Pam – Bio-Rad - bullet #6 “focus on preserving capital”
- Charlie – Building & Construction Trades - bullet #3 “lay-offs are down with reached about 4000 this year”

Program Report for Summer and Fall
Dave’s report – the College is facing severe cutbacks impacting administration, classified, and faculty positions. With the possibility of 15 full-time faculty being laid off, 75 sections of classes may be eliminated. The college may start the next biennium on July 1 with a budget cut approaching 30% compared to the budget at the start of the 2008-2010. If this occurs as it is anticipated, the college will be facing changes on a big scale.

Kim – DSHS – 1.2mil people now receiving financial assistance; 5 year maximum
Automotive, Machining, Healthcare, VCT are still viable
Summer enrollment – 372; Fall – 470; Winter – 353 so far;
New IBEST in Machining Cert of proficiency

Labor Market Update – General Discussion
Charlie –
Job Vacancy Report - Currently 13,000 in King County
Unemployed – 98,000
More layoffs to come – public employees in government and cities plus aerospace, wood, paper, transportation

Washington State is behind the rest of the country in economic recovery. If nothing else goes wrong, recovery should occur by 2013. Aerospace and software industries are ahead in recovery. Construction will be the slowest to recover.

Jason - Graduates/new employees are low in applied math skills.
City of Kirkland is hiring; funds are available since its recent annex.

Joan Weiss is connected to SEED grant Funds.

Apprenticeships that are taking new apprentices: Line workers, laborers, sprinkler fitters, asbestos workers.

Stephanie – ESD Co-lo
Economic Symposium slideshow

Last week, EUC recalculations were done and letters were sent to hundreds of thousands of past and present UI claimants in WA. The letters let claimants know which tier of EUC they are in and indicate how many weeks of EUC and EB (state extension) they have remaining. For some of those who are currently collecting benefits, the letters indicated that their benefits will be ending earlier than originally calculated. Claimants have the right to appeal the recalculation within one month. ESD hired 50 new agents at the telecenter to handle calls in response to this. Federal Additional Compensation ($25) is scheduled to end 12/11/10.

News reports indicate that the feds have come up with an economic plan that would extend UI by 13 months. It is not finalized yet, so there haven’t been any official UI policy updates announcing the details.

**College Update – Recent Developments (Program Changes)**

- 15 community colleges are working with Boeing in order to help meet their demand for entry-level workers. The company is expecting to be hiring 500/month by mid 2011. Shoreline students who successfully complete the CNC certificate will be guaranteed an interview with Boeing.
- Upcoming DACUMs: Accounting, Supply Chain Management, and VCT; These DACUM workshops will help update programs by aligning learning outcomes more closely with what is changing in the industry. The workshops also serve to link what we are teaching and what industry needs.
- Certification Training that is upcoming – First Responders; Snap on Tool electric/hybrid vehicles – re-charging stations.

Next meeting: April 13, 2011.

Minutes recorded by Jeanne Skaare.