

Workforce Development Council

Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2006

Members Present:

Members Present: Frank Cioffi, WDC Chair; Chip Evans, Executive Director, WDC; Rudy Chase, MSA Gallet Helmets; Andy Crossman, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals; Diane Davis, Killington Ltd.; Mike Deweese, Chittenden Central Supervisory Union; Peter Kreisel, Peter Kreisel, LLC; Mary Lintermann, Dew Construction Crop.; Chris Loso, Loso's Professional Janitorial Services; Steve Marsh, Community National Bank; Mac McLaughlin, Bread Loaf Corp.; Dan Owen, Waitsfield Telecom Champlain Valley; Jim Pratt, Cabot Creamery Coop. Inc.; Jim Rude, Clark Consulting; Eric Sokolowski, Knowledge Wave; Curtis Trousdale, Trousdale Homes at Chenette Real Estate; Fran Voigt, New England Culinary Institute; Stan Walker, Berlin Mall; Jeff Wright, VT Electric Power Co. Inc.; Richard Cate, Department of Education; Bob Clark, Vermont State Colleges; Wendy Koenig, Association of Vermont Independent Colleges; Tom Cimock, representing Pat Elmer, VT Assoc. for Training & Development; Pat Moulton Powden, VT Department of Labor; Cindy Laware, Agency of Human Services; Kevin Dorn, Agency of Commerce & Community Development; Karen Meyer, UVM; Amy Whitehorn, representing Don Vickers, Vermont Student Assistance Corp.; Tracy MacLean, representing Mark Douglas, Northlands Job Corps Ctr.; Michael Blair AFSCME Council 93; Ron Rabideau, Teamsters Local 597; Lynn Vera, Ctr. for Technology, Essex; Jeff Wimette, Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Hal Cohen Central VT Community Action Council. Representative Kathy Keenan; Representative Dave Potter; Senator Kevin Mullin.

The meeting of the Workforce Development Council was called to order at Woodbury College by Frank Cioffi, Chair of the Workforce Development Council. The Agenda was reviewed with the announcement of Guest speakers, Bill Stenger, President and CEO of Jay Peak Resort and Andy Condon, Chief of the Labor Market and Information Department of VT Department of Labor. Larry Mandell, President of Woodbury College, welcomed the Council to Woodbury College. Frank Cioffi introduced Governor Jim Douglas. The Governor stressed the issues of Workforce readiness, access to health care and Workers Compensation. The Governor stated there are not enough skilled workers in Vermont and that the growth rate of the workforce is not sufficient to sustain economic growth. Matching talent with opportunity and a well trained and educated workforce is crucial for Vermont's future

Frank Cioffi introduced the first guest speaker, Chief of Labor Market Information, VDOL. Andy presented a power point overview of Vermont's Emerging Workforce Challenge: Trends, Reality & Myths. A copy of the report was email to all members and guest present and is attached to these minutes.

At 1:20 Frank Cioffi introduced guest speaker Bill Stenger, Chair of the Next Generation Commission. Bill introduced Committee members; Tiffany Bluemle, Vermont Works for Women; Caroline Bright, Missisquoi Valley High School; Robert Miller, R.E.M Development Co.; Judy Moore The Sharon Academy; and Jason Williams of Fletcher Allen Health Care. Frank thanked the Commission for its work and commented on the importance of understanding the challenge we face and the importance of working together to address these issues.

A copy of the Next Generation Committee: Linking Learning to Earning in Vermont was passed out and discussed. A copy of the report in email format was also given to all members and guest present.

After Bill Stenger's report the members and guest broke out into discussion groups on the Next Generation Commission's findings. A copy of the results of those meetings is attached.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 am by Frank Cioffi. The next Workforce Development Council meeting will be announced at a later date.