

CAMWC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

October 21, 2009

Maxfield's Inn, Edmore

Members Present: Carolyn Bennett, Steve Foster, Jeff Knox, Tim Flynn, Mary Peterson, and Robin Whitmore

Members Absent: Franz Mogdis, Dr. Robert Ferrentino, Don Schurr, David Walker, and Jeremy Sheets

Staff/Guests

Present: Janet Bloomfield, Diane Hazlewood, and Shelly Keene

Meeting Summary

Without a quorum present, Steve Foster called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Incumbent Worker Program Changes

Bloomfield shared information about the current incumbent worker program—what is significantly different and how that has impacted the delivery of the Central Area Training Activities (CATA) programming.

With the Arrival of Mary Peterson a quorum was established.

There was a review of the staff recommendations regarding the priorities for the funding followed by a review and discussion of the United Solar Training Request. United Solar had submitted a year's training request per instruction by the WIB. The financial need for the training request was \$72,595. Considering CAMWC's staffing changes, Bloomfield stated that the DW funding set-aside for incumbent worker training could not be used as it had been in the past. Staff was recommending United Solar's training request to be funded from the DW set-aside funding. Committee members discussed if a precedent was being established and if so was it anticipated to be problematic. It is anticipated there are other companies that may have similar needs for substantial financial support for training in the future and they would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

MOTION WAS MADE AND SUPPORTED TO APPROVE \$72,595 OF INCUMBENT WORKER FUNDING FROM THE WIA DISLOCATED WORKER SET-ASIDE FOR UNITED SOLAR OVONICS. Motion approved unanimously.

Review/Approval of Minutes from the June 17, 2009, Meeting

MOTION WAS MADE AND SUPPORTED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 17, 2009, MINUTES. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Updated Demand List – Fall 2009

Staff introduced the updated demand list. The list was compiled by reviewing total annual openings data. If there were any openings the occupation was considered in-demand. If the openings were due to growth, CRT and OJT funding would be allowable. If the openings were due to replacement, OJT funding would be allowable. Staff requested some of the occupations be removed due to the nature of the occupation (such as Legislator, Casino-related occupations, etc.) Committee members discussed 14 specific occupations. While the data suggests the occupations may be in demand, there is a concern for market saturation. Many of the occupations are related to the construction or health care industry.

- Computer Support Specialist – 10 trained but not employed – recommended removal
- Electric and Electronic Engineering Technicians – 8 trained but not employed – recommended removal
- Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists – due to the prison closings – recommended removal
- Pharmacy Technicians – 7 training but not employed – recommended retaining
- Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants – 71 trained by not employed – recommended retaining – feeder into higher level health care occupations
- Dental Assistants – 8 trained but not employed – recommended removal
- Medical Assistants – 32 trained but not employed – recommended removal
- Nonfarm Animal Caretakers – 5 trained but not employed – recommended removal
- First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Non-Retail Sales Workers – 6 trained by not employed – recommended removing
- Receptionists and Information Clerks – 27 trained but not employed – recommended removal. With changes in the workplace these positions are becoming obsolete.
- Medical Secretaries – 6 trained but not employed – recommended removal
- Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators – 6 trained but not employed – recommended removal
- Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers – 8 trained but not employed – recommended removal
- Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers – 76 trained but not employed – recommended retaining
- Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators – 9 trained but not employed – recommended removing
- Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor Trailer – 95 trained but not employed – recommended removal

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SUPPORTED THAT THE DEMAND LIST BE UPDATED AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

WIB Meeting – The next WIB meeting is November 18, 2009, at 5:30 pm at Maxfield's Restaurant.

Services for Electrolux Workers – Bloomfield discussed a concept of “incentivizing” services for Electrolux workers that had not used their training services. Members questioned the rationale for giving incentives to individuals who were not motivated to take advantage of services available to them. They questioned “what about those that received training and haven't gotten employment” and did not feel the program should be exclusive for Electrolux.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.