

Brockton Area Workforce
BAWIB
Investment Board

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (B&I)
MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2017

QUORUM PRESENT

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting began at 8:40 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - Present:** Joe Lovetere, Joe Mitchell, Brian McElhinney, Maryellen Brett, Bob Costa, Stan Hurwitz, and Joe Madaio
 - Not Present:** Charlie Nano
 - Staff:** Lorraine Albert and Rachel Cherry-Adams
3. **MINUTES: Review of Prior Meeting Minutes December 9, 2016**
 - The meeting Minutes December 9, 2016 were approved by the Business & Industry Development Committee.

ACTION ITEMS ARE IN BOLD

4. **DISCUSSION & IDENTIFY NEXT STEPS**

- Follow-up to Massasoit Presentation
 - Recap from the last committee meeting.
 - Mr. Lovetere applauded the “very organized” presentation by Ms. Maryellen Brett of the Massasoit Community College’s Corporate Education & Trainings. BAWIB has been refining these areas in the past.
- Employer Survey Findings & Next Steps
 - Let’s send the Survey out to the employers so we can see the results and conclusions we can draw—but draw the conclusions before it is sent out. Mr. Lovetere will work something up and send to the BAI committee.
 - Send out to employers
 - Check with the following organizations to see if they are willing to share their recent survey with us –
 - MetroSouth Chamber of Commerce – **check with Chris Cooney**
 - Mass Business Alliance –**Ms. Brett will check with MBA**
 - Old Colony Planning Council – **check with Mr. Pat Ciaramella.**
 - **Action – Lorraine Albert/Joe Lovetere/Work on a summary to present conclusions (this is for the promotion of BAWIB and the Career Center).**
 - **Lorraine Albert/Locate information on grants**
- MA Hoisting & Forklift Training
 - Distribution- Hoisting/Schools that have been approved by the MA Department of Public Safety [which is necessary to fulfill the continuing education requirements to renew the Hoisting Machinery License]—**Can we send this list via Constant Contact?**
 - Ms. Lorraine Albert and Mr. Brian McElhinney (member of the Teamsters Local 1653) have been in discussions.
 - Mr. McElhinney spoke about a grant [hoisting machinery license] that his labor organization applied for in 2015. Mr. McElhinney will put Ms. Albert in touch with the Teamster Local 25 contact (Jimmy). Mr. McElhinney that the Local 25 rep is willing to work with BAWIB on prospective Hoisting training [he works with several other WIBs in the state].
 - Can we share this information with the employers in the Avon Industry Park?—yes, we can
 - Are there any training funds for private businesses – **Ms. Lorraine Albert will check**
 - Mr. McElhinney spoke about, in length, specifically Hoisting IC (with the lift) training.

- Ms. Brett indicated that Massasoit Community College works with Cranes 101.
- **Ms. Albert will check out the grant opportunities and frequent asked questions.**
- **DISCUSSION**
 - Local businesses knowing about the regulations [hoisting/forklift]
 - Who is the person that knows the regulations? —Hoisting/forklift licensing requirements
 - Lorraine Albert will inquire whether the Teamsters contact Jimmy from Local 25 would be willing to make the training presentations to the B&I committee.
 - Ms. Albert will check on money for training the unemployed and for OSHA IB and IC trainings as well.
 - Mr. Lovetere wants the Massasoit Community College programs mentioned as well—**get this information for the committee. Do the research so we can present to the businesses** [State programs].

OLD BUSINESS

5. YOUTH CONNECT (YCC) MENTOR PROGRAM UPDATE

- Distribution – flyer We are Looking for MENTORS!
- Mr. David Edwards (YouthWorks) is the YCC Coordinator.
- Still trying to find mentors
- On December 7, 2016 (Brockton High School) – 15 employers and 49 students.
- Twenty-three (23) students have been assigned mentors.

6. SMAMC MANUFACTURING PIPELINE TRAINING

- The incumbent training has been ongoing; the pipeline training will begin soon.

NEW BUSINESS

7. COMMONWEALTH OF MA WIOA COMBINE STATE PLAN

- Distribution – Branding and the MA Combined State Plan, updated 12/30/2016 EOLWD
- **DISCUSSION**
 - Plan – Launching now
 - This is perfect timing for the B&I committee’s discussion. Everyone will be posted as the Branding and the MA Combined State Plan progresses. Ms. Lorraine Albert will be attending the Branding & MA Combined State Plan meetings.
 - What we can do
 - How it impacts the BAWIB organization
 - Ms. Albert indicated that the Mass BizWork information has been received by the BAWIB office.

8. ANNOUCEMENTS

- Mr. Joe Lovetere indicated that has volunteered to be a STEM mentor; he will report back to the committee.
- Ms. Lorraine Albert indicated that the CNA Training has been approved and a flyer will be out next week.
- Bob Costa/re: At Leisure Contractor Licensing (online) – B.C. Tent & Awning uses them; they have had good luck with them.

9. FALL MEETING DATES

- Friday, February 10, 2017
- Friday, March 10, 2017
- Friday, April 7, 2017
- Friday, May 12, 2017
- Friday, June 9, 2017

Mr. Lovetere thanked everyone for coming out this morning.

Meeting ended at 9:40 a.m.

Next Meeting – February 10, 2017

Location: BAWIB Business Center

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