



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRY SECTOR (EDIS) COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 2D**

**DATE: August 21, 2014 at 8:00AM**

**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES**

June 19, 2014 at 8:00 A.M.  
 Doubletree Hotel – Convention Center  
 711 N.W 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
 Miami, FL 33126

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>SFWIB STAFF</b>	<b>OTHER ATTENDEES (AUDIENCE)</b>
1. Perez, Andre “Andy” – <i>Chair</i> 2. Clayton, Lovey 3. Rod, Denis 4. Roth, Thomas	Gomez, Maria Gonzalez, Frances Kavehersi, Cheri Beasley, Rick	James, Cooper – <i>New Horizons of South            Florida</i>  Quiros, Vivian – <i>Sullivan and Cogliano</i>  Rodanes, Carlos – <i>New Horizons of South            Florida</i>
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE</b>  5. Brecheisen, Bruce 6. Gazitua, Luis 7. Ludwig, Philipp 8. Regueiro, Maria C. 9. Russo, Monica		St. Jean, Donard – <i>American Advance            Technicians Institute</i>

Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.

**1. Call to Order and Introduction**

Chairman Andy Perez called the meeting to order at 8:20am and noted that a quorum had not been achieved.

**2. Approval of EDIS Committee Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2014, February 27, 2014 and April 24, 2014**

**Deferred**

Dr. Denis Rod recommended the minutes include a time next the names of members that arrive after introductions are made. The Committee concurred with the recommended changes.

**3. Information – Refugee Employment and Training Program Performance Overview**

Chairman Perez introduced the item and briefly presented.

Mr. Roth inquired about the total amount of Employed Worker Training (EWT) funding allocated for this program year and Ms. Kavehersi responded. Mr. Roth also inquired about the prior year and Ms. Kavehersi responded, “none”.

Mr. Roth recommended more marketing of the EWT program to local employers due to higher demands as a result of the economy’s recent shift.

**4. Information – Employed worker Training (EWT) Application for Noven Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

Chairman Perez introduced the item and Ms. Kavehersi briefly presented the qualifications of the EWT program.

Mr. Roth inquired about the qualifications of the training component and Ms. Kavehersi explained.

No further questions or discussions.

**5. Information – Individual Training Account Performance Report Program Year 2012-13**

Chairman Perez introduced the item then later inquired about the purpose for expanding the report. SFWIB Quality Assurance Supervisor, Frances Gonzalez appeared before the Committee and explained.

Mr. Roth requested additional breakdown of the Training Expenditures columns and Ms. Gonzalez explained.

Chairman Perez opened the discussion to those seated in the audience. Arnie Girnun of New Horizons, Inc. appeared before the Committee and provided his feedback.

**6. Recommendation as to Approval of Individual Training Account (ITA) Policy**

Chairman Perez presented the item and provided details of the following proposed revisions to the ITA policy:

Revision 1 – Training Vendors will be required to meet the “Placement After Training Standard” (per approved training program) as one of the two minimum performance standards to be considered and be eligible for renewal of the program.

Revision 2 – SFWIB participants pending PELL Grant approval/award may be enrolled in training through an ITA voucher. If subsequently awarded, the Pell Grant proceeds will be deducted from the amount of the ITA. In the case where the Pell award changes from the amount stipulated in the original award letter, the previously approved ITA amount paid by SFWIB cannot be adjusted. In the case where the Pell award is in excess of the ITA voucher

amount used when the SFWIB participant enrolled, the Training Vendor must reimburse SFWIB the difference.

Chairman Perez opened the discussion to those seated in the audience. Arnie Girnun again appeared before the Committee and discussed the challenges with students receiving Pell Grants.

Mr. Roth requested staff provide an example of implementing revision 1 using one of the programs listed in the Individual Training Account (ITA) report previously discussed in item# 5. Ms. Gonzalez and Chairman Perez further explained. Mr. Roth asked whether implementing this revision would be a good approach. Executive Director Rick Beasley appeared before the Committee and explained that the primary objective is for more efficiency and lower cost. Chairman Perez recommended reviewing page 6 of 6 of the ITA Policy.

Item had been recommended to the Board by consensus of the members present.

**7. Recommendation as to Approval of New Training Vendors and Programs**

Chairman Perez presented the item.

Chairman Perez noted into record a scrivener's error to one of the school's names and requested it be corrected; remove the word, "Medical" from Dade Medical Institute of Technology, to correctly read, "Dade Institute of Technology"

Item had been recommended to the Board by consensus of the members present.

**8. Recommendation as to Approval to issue a Business Services RFP**

Chairman Perez presented the item and requested Ms. Kaveheri to explain what Business Services does. He asked her to explain the purpose so that everyone knows the importance of releasing a RFP for Business Services. She additionally noted that the RFP will be revised seeking only business services.

Mr. Roth inquired about the qualifications and business profile CSSF is seeking. Ms. Kaveheri explained potential staffing agencies.

Item had been recommended to the Board by consensus of the members present.

**Add-on Item:**

**9. Recommendation as to Approval of Related Party Training Vendor Agreements**

Chairman Perez introduced the item and Ms. Kaveheri presented.

There was discussion regarding the 2/3 voting requirements.

Item had been recommended to the Board by consensus of the members present.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:37am.