



SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

8:30 A.M.

South Florida Workforce Investment Board Headquarters
7300 Corporate Center Drive
5th Floor - Conference Room 3
Miami, Florida 33126

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
 - A. February 14, 2008
 - B. March 12, 2008
3. March 2008 Finance Report
4. Budget (Discussion)
5. Internal Review (AWI)
6. Pilot Cash Advance Initiative (Discussion)



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SFWIB - Finance Committee

May 7, 2008

Minutes of SFWIB Finance Committee Meeting
February 14, 2008

South Florida Workforce Investment Board
Finance Committee Meeting
February 14, 2008 at Noon
South Florida Workforce Investment Board Headquarters
7300 Corporate Center Drive, 5th Floor - Conference Room 3

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	SFW STAFF	OTHER ATTENDEES
1. Jeff Bridges, <i>Chairperson</i> 2. Bernardo Adrover 3. Roberto Datorre 4. Charles Gibson 5. Ramiro Inguanzo 6. Rachel Sapoznik	Beasley, Rick Alonso, Gustavo Kistner, Ken Pierre, Linda	Mitchell, Carlena, <i>Miami-Dade County Public Schools</i>
COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE		
7. Jeffrey Blacher 8. Willie Carpenter		

Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Bridges called the meeting to order at 12:17P.M., and noted that a quorum had been achieved.

2. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2008

Rachel Sapoznik moved approval of the minutes of the January 3, 2008 Finance Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Bernardo Adrover and approved.

3. December 2007 Finance Report

Mr. Beasley presented the December 2007 report for the period July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, and answered the member's questions.

Mr. Datorre asked if the vacant headquarter space had been leased, and Mr. Beasley responded that the Housing Finance Authority had leased the space.

Gus Alonso continued the report.

Ms. Sapoznik asked if SFW is prepared for a possible budget cut. Mr. Alonso responded that that would be discussed in agenda item number 5.

Mr. Bridges commented that the Executive Director monitors spending on a daily basis.

Mr. Bridges asked for information on the temporary staff, and why that item is over budget.

Mr. Beasley noted that the funds had been included in the administrative category and should be in programs category.

Mr. Beasley continued the report and noted that the AWI/WFI may potentially rescind up to \$2 million dollars in SFW WIA funds. He added that the U.S. Department of Labor has not yet released the final TEGL He explained that we have resources to adjust so that there would be no impact on current contracts.

Mr. Datorre asked what about next year.

Mr. Beasley stated that in the last seven years this Region has lost nearly 40 million dollars of its funding, and that next year the Region is expecting an estimated \$6 million reduction. He added that SFW must operate like a business and get to a level where cuts do not impact services, and to do that we must have the full support of all partners. We need to look at the long term. The partners will be involved in the process to develop the system.

Mr. Beasley reported on discussions regarding access points that might be staffed by local organizations to assist in job placement.

He added that he expects to present a plan to the full Board in April.

4. 2008/2009 SFW Budget Discussion

Mr. Beasley asked Gus Alonzo to present the item. He noted that the important section is the assumptions which include reductions in funding, and funds that may be carried forward. The rescission reduces the amount that may be carried forward. The projected cuts range from 12% in the WIA Adult program to 16% in the WIA Dislocated program and various cuts in the other programs.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning TANF funds and the certified forward process.

Mr. Alonzo noted that the funding short-fall from Fiscal Year 07-08 to Fiscal Year 08-09 is projected to be approximately \$6.4M.

Mr. Beasley added that all options must be explored so that staff and contracts are not impacted.

Mr. Adrover requested that staff prepare three budget scenarios for the Committee's review and that they would like the other Committees to review.

Mr. Beasley offered that a link to the Workforce Systems Committee documents regarding the Career Center design would be sent to the Committee.

Mr. Beasley commented that he intended that the process be a partnership, with the buy-in from the Partners.

5. WIA Rescission Discussion

Mr. Beasley reported on the amended FY 2008 Omnibus spending bill and the projected funding rescission amounts, and the impact it would have on this Region.

There was lengthy discussion concerning the reasons for the rescission, as well as the impact on the Region. Mr. Beasley explained some of the methods that could be used to reduce the impact.

He explained that the worst case scenario would have a potential \$2 million dollar impact to the Region, and the best case scenario would have the potential impact of just less than \$300,000. Mr. Beasley noted that final figures are expected from the State by the end of February 2008.

6. Recommendation as to the Authorizing Staff to Use TANF Funds to Off-set WIA Adult Funds

Mr. Beasley presented the item and explained that staff recommends that staff be authorized to use up to \$426,114 in TANF funds to off-set the over budget in WIA Adult funding. In order to minimize the impact on the Service Partners contracts TANF funds can be used to off-set this reduction.

Mr. Datorre asked what the TANF program does. Mr. Beasley responded that TANF is the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and assists low-income people find work, receive training, child care, Food Stamps, etc.

Roberto Datorre moved approval to authorize staff to use up to \$426,114 TANF funds to off-set WIA Adult funds. The motion was seconded by Bernardo Adrover and approved.

The Members agreed to move future meeting dates to the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30A.M., in the same location.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.



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SFWIB - Finance Committee

May 7, 2008

**Minutes of SFWIB Finance Committee Meeting
March 12, 2008**

South Florida Workforce Investment Board
 Finance Committee Meeting
 March 12, 2008 at 8:30 A.M.
 South Florida Workforce Investment Board Headquarters
 7300 Corporate Center Drive, 5th Floor - Conference Room 3

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	SFW STAFF	OTHER ATTENDEES
1. Jeff Bridges, <i>Chairperson</i> 2. Roberto Datorre 3. Charles Gibson COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE 4. Bernardo Adrover 5. Jeffrey Blacher 6. Willie Carpenter 7. Ramiro Inguanzo 8. Rachel Sapoznik	Beasley, Rick Alonso, Gustavo Garcia, Christine Kistner, Ken Pierre, Linda Quiñones, Dulce Salomon, Maribel	Cadena, Mildred- <i>Miami-Dade County Schools</i> Mendez, Jessey- <i>Community Coalition, Inc.</i> Nunez, Guadalupe- <i>Community Coalition, Inc.</i>

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1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Bridges called the meeting to order at 8:40A.M., and noted that a quorum had not been achieved.

2. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2008

Due to the lack of a quorum the minutes were not approved.

3. January 2008 Finance Report

Mr. Beasley presented the December 2007 report covering the period July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008, and answered the member's questions.

Mr. Beasley described the SFWIB budget summary as follows: Budget \$62 million of which \$61.9 million was allocated and \$28.9 million spent. He explained in detail the expenditures of Headquarter Costs, Career Center Services and Training Support Services.

Mr. Roberto Datorre asked about the Temporary Staff allocation of \$125,171 and Mr. Beasley explained that the amount had been included in the headquarters administration budget, but should have been reflected in the programs budget as the staff in question did not work at headquarters.

Mr. Bridges inquired whether the mobile units had been paid in full. Mr. Gus Alonso, Assistant Director for Finance responded that the two (2) mobile units were paid for in full.

Mr. Beasley added that \$254,000 has not been spent and could be reallocated to the Adult program.

In addition, Mr. Beasley informed the Committee that each Region would receive letters explaining the amount of the funding cut. The total funding reduction for Florida is estimated to be \$12 million.

Mr. Gibson asked about the Take Stock in Children and 5,000 Role Models funds, and Mr. Beasley explained that as they are new contracts TANF funds were allocated to the Take Stock in Children program as well as the 5,000 Role Models program to purchase scholarships.

Mr. Bridges questioned the payroll benefits and why it was below budget. Mr. Beasley explained that there are staff members who are performing dual roles, and due to the possible funding cuts; he does not wish to fill positions and in the future be forced to lay-off personnel. The amount can be reallocated to training of services; and the monies must be spent by the end of June.

Mr. Bridges asked when the Children's Trust funding would be received, and Mr. Beasley responded that there had been some negotiations regarding what may be charged as administrative costs and what may be charged as program cost. Administrative costs are capped at 10%.

4. Financial Monitoring Reports

Mr. Beasley asked Dulce Quiñones, Contract Compliance Supervisor, to present the monitoring report. She noted that contracts are monitored two to three times per year and the executive summaries would continue to be submitted to the Board.

Ms. Quiñones described the Financial Monitoring Reports as follows:

City of Hialeah

Several deficiencies with cost allocation; personnel activity reports not completed: invoice packages submitted to SFW with several errors causing over billing; and late fees were included which are unallowable costs; no quality control performed; salary amounts were different amongst budgets ; inventory records were not maintained properly and interim financial statements were not provided.

Ms. Quiñones explained that staff reviews only a small sample of cases.

Ms. Delia Milian, Executive Director at the Hialeah Downtown Career Center, addressed the Committee and responded that she received the report the previous day and she would work on addressing concerns, and some of the discrepancies were due to open enrollment and an oversight (3 employees were switched to a PPO (insurance health plan).

Ms. Milian explained that when the City of Hialeah receives the final report; they would prepare a response.

Time allocation on programs was also an issue according to Ms. Quiñones; the percent of allocation to programs should be equal to 100%. It was also noted that the supervisor of the program has ten (10) days to reply with a detailed explanation for the discrepancies found.

Cuban American National Council, Inc.

Unallowable costs, late fees were not recorded according to the accounting procedures; credit cards and invoices not paid on time, reimbursement forms not properly completed, salary discrepancy vs. budget recorded, sample employee personnel files missing documentations, existing procurement policies and procedures were not in conformity.

Transition, Inc.

Budgets categorized and allocated administrative costs as program costs; disallowed costs in the amount of \$6,909.72; cost and allocation plan was not completed; accounting records not closed at the end of the month; discrepancies with the general ledger balances; and the interim financial reports background check not properly completed; Form 990 was not filed within the timeframe; procurement requirements were not followed; inventory reports were not submitted to SFW and no fixed assets physical inventory completed.

Mr. Datorre inquired about background checks and whether they were required procedures and had staff been in compliance. Ms. Quiñones explained that one person was later dismissed due to the background check.

5. Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Audit Report

Tony Brunson, Senior Audit Partner of Sharpton, Brunson & Company, P.A. and Kevin Adderly, Senior Manager/Director and lead person on SFW's audit presented to the Committee the "DRAFT South Florida Workforce Investment Board Annual Financial Statements, June 30, 2007."

Both auditors elaborated on the function of the audit; and presented an overview of the internal controls governing financial operations and the laws and regulations required for Federal awards.

There was one material weakness noted, and no items were considered non-compliant.

Mr. Adderly provided an overview of operating expenses comparing 2006 to 2007 such as Welfare Transition Program from \$21,339 in 2007 to \$25,130 in 2006.

He added that Auditors do not search for fraudulent activities, but do test internal controls and they are obligated to report fraud, if found.

He mentioned that they worked with several providers, reviewing receivables and payables and as a result it is customary that accruals are done when the books are closed, and no difficulties with management were encountered.

Mr. Adderly reported on OMB Report and internal controls.

It was noted that SFW has been carrying various deferred revenue balances in its books for several grants that were closed out as far back as program year 2003-2004, and 2005.

Mr. Beasley informed the Committee that a reconciliation of account balances was conducted, matching all the revenue sources with expenses, and it was found that there were deferred revenue accounts that remain on the books in the amount of \$823,000.

The State was consulted on this issue and they indicated they did not have a problem with SFW using the funds during the current program year. Mr. Alonso informed the Committee that staff was planning to re-employ the funds in current year programs. Mr. Beasley added that a letter would be submitted to the State with copy to the Board no later than April 17th explaining how the funds would be used.

Mr. Bridges suggested to table the discussion of the Financial Monitoring Reports for the next Committee Meeting.

Mr. Beasley commented that \$48,000 from Catholic Charities still needs to be still to be collected. He added that letters were sent and meetings have been requested, but the issue still persists. As a result the State has requested that any unpaid funds to Catholic Charities be forwarded to the State as re-payment.

Mr. Bridges noted that the items on the agenda were completed, and asked for any questions or comments.

The Members agreed to move future meeting dates to the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am in the same location.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.



3.

SFWIB – Finance Committee

May 7, 2008

March 2008 Finance Report

BACKGROUND

The un-audited finance report for the months ending March 31, 2008, will be reviewed.

Attachments



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SFWIB – Finance Committee

May 7, 2008

FY 08-09 Budget (Discussion)

Discussion

BACKGROUND

The SFW 2008-2009 Budget Projections will be reviewed and discussed.



5.

South Florida Workforce Investment Board

May 7, 2008

**Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI)
Internal Audit Review**

Informational

BACKGROUND

In 2006, the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) learned that there were weak internal controls and instances of fraud and abuse at several Regional Workforce Boards (RWB). In response, AWI released an RFP to obtain consulting services from Certified Public Accountant (CPA) firms with extensive experience in the area of internal control and would use their experience to conduct onsite internal control reviews of selected AWI sub-recipients, including RWBs and the Early Learning Coalition.

The firm of Ernst & Young was selected by AWI to conduct these reviews. Ernst & Young have been conducting their review process beginning April 14, 2007. They advised staff that they will be reviewing polices, procedures, and key business processes.

In addition, the internal audit will consist of an in-depth review of Information & Technology (IT) procedures, Governance Review, Financial Systems Documentation (Revenues and Receipts, Payables and Disbursements, Procurement, and Payroll), and ITGCs (i.e Systems Access and Data Security), Participant Programs, Compliance with Sub-Recipient Requirement, and Control Self Assessment Considerations.



6.

South Florida Workforce Investment Board

May 7, 2008

Pilot Cash Advance Initiative (Discussion)

Discussion

BACKGROUND

At the April 17th, 2008, South Florida Workforce Investment Board meeting, a question was raised concerning the participation of small Community Based Organizations (CBO) and Faith Base Organizations (FBO) in SFW initiatives. Members of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners have mentioned that SFW does not provide cash advances and requires a 20 percent funding reserve, which limits the ability of small CBOs to participate with SFW. It was suggested that a discussion be held on the possibility of SFW developing a pilot Cash Advance program which will allow small entities to participate in future initiatives.