

**LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA TEN
SOUTH CENTRAL TENNESSEE WORKFORCE BOARD
HOMESTEAD RESTAURANT
CENTERVILLE, TENNESSEE
July 12, 2006
MINUTES**

A meeting of the South Central Tennessee Workforce Board was held on July 12, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at the Homestead Restaurant, Centerville, Tennessee. Members present were as follows:

Tony Beyer	Dwayne Cornelison	Bruce Cotton	Guy Derryberry
Dr. Dustin Flowers	Tommy Floyd	Beth Keaton	Sam Kennedy
Victor Lay	Robert Mitchell, Jr.	Pame Moore-Morrow	Pamela Morris
Sam Outlaw	John Rawe	Don Reeves, Jr.	Randy Short
Jim Sloan	John Stephens	Joe Max Williams	Shirley Williams

Sandy Calvert, James Dixon, Dr. Rebecca Hawkins, William Kirk, Robby Moore, Kathy Pigg, and Marvin Sandrell submitted their proxies. Guests present were Larry Dotson, Linda Sampson, Faye Rodgers, Michael Schulz, Glen Myers, Steve Gregory, Sandra Malone, Cromer Smotherman, Jack Irby, Karen Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Ralph Fly, Larry Chilton, Brenda Lee, Tonnie Trotter, Mayor Jim Azbill, and Lois Stone. Staff present included Jan McKeel, Suzanne Croft, Sheryl Jordan, Joe Beard, Brenda Sewell, Vivian Cathey, Terry Bunch, Dean Dickey, and Patricia Lymon.

Hickman County Mayor Steve Gregory welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming to Centerville.

Vivian Cathey, Youth Services Coordinator, stated the Youth Recognition award was presented to Mitch Coghill. Larry Dotson, Hickman County Youth Contractor, was present to accept the award on his behalf.

Terry Bunch, Business Services Coordinator, presented the Employer Recognition Award to Clark Container, Inc. Ralph Fly, Human Resource Manager and Larry Chilton, Owner, accepted the award. Clark Containers, Inc. was established in 1979 and moved to Hickman County in 1985. It manufactures flexible packaging.

Jan McKeel, Executive Director, presented the Partnership Recognition Award to the USDA/ Rural Development for small business. Faye Rodgers, Area Director, USDA Rural Development, accepted the award. Ms. Rodgers, along with Michael Shultz, Field Representative from Senator Lamar Alexander's office and Glen Meyers, Field Representative from Congressman Lincoln Davis's office made a check presentation of a \$50,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant to the South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance to expand the incumbent worker training program in our region.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Tony Beyer, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.

The minutes from the January 11, 2006 and May 9, 2006 meetings were approved by consent.

Mr. Beyer briefly reviewed the Conflict of Interest statement and asked for a motion to include the following statement:

“Further, I agree that I will not use any action or program of the Board to gain any personal, professional or political advantage.”

John Rawe made the motion to approve the addition to the Conflict of Interest Statement. Robert Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion approved.

Mr. Beyer deferred to Ms. McKeel to review the 2006-2007 Budget. Ms. McKeel stated that a budget of \$4.4 million was approved by the South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance. This includes a decrease in Adult and Youth funding, but an increase in Dislocated Worker funding resulting in a 15% increase in total allocations.

Ms. McKeel briefly talked about legislative updates. A version of WIA Reauthorization has passed in both the House and Senate but will need to go to conference.

Mr. Beyer gave a brief update on the regional collaboration meeting with the three Middle Tennessee Board Chairs and Executive Directors. This meeting stemmed from the May meeting in Nashville co-sponsored by the Middle Tennessee areas where Ed Barlow was the guest speaker and facilitator.

An update regarding the Murray, Inc. closure was given. It was reported that former employees of Murray, Inc. are continuing to receive training and job placement services.

Career Readiness Certificates were discussed and reviewed. Ms. McKeel stated that three Local Workforce areas in Middle Tennessee are participating in the pilot project endorsed by Governor Bredesen to offer the Career Readiness Certificates to job seekers. At this time, all cost of testing applicants and profiling employer jobs will be covered by the grant.

Ms. McKeel discussed Project Learn in Maury County. The Career Center is the sub-contractor for Adult Education in Maury County which combines out of school youth and adult education. Maury County Imagination Library has raised approximately \$50,000 since its inception.

Mr. Beyer briefly reviewed the remaining items on the agenda:

- Unemployment Rate Analysis
- 2006-2007 Calendar
- Career Center Highlights
- Career Center Update
- Fiscal Report
- Training Update
- On-the-Job Training Update

- Wage Comparison after Training Report
- Monitoring Update
- Performance Report
- Youth Update

The election of officers for 2006-2008 was conducted and the new officers were announced as follows: Robert Mitchell, Jr – Chairman, Don Reeves, Jr. – Vice Chairman, Sam Kennedy – Parliamentarian, Patricia Lymon - Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.