

Research Committee Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2008

8:30 a.m. at the Philadelphia WIB

Attending

(Alphabetical order)

Michael Edgcumbe (staff)

Diane Inverso (Board member, Mayor's Commission on Literacy)

Meg Shope Koppel (staff)

Tsiwen Law (Co-Chair: Board member, Law & Zaslow, L.L.C.)

Les Spero (Co-Chair: Board member, Neat Receipts)

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from February 14, 2008 were read, modified and approved as modified.

Update on Research Recently Completed or Underway

The Center for Labor Market Studies completed Lifetime Consequences of Dropping Out for Pennsylvania and Philadelphia. CLMS will complete the Fiscal Consequences of Dropping Out to Pennsylvania and to Philadelphia in the future. The city and the State are negotiating on the forum for release of this research.

The biennial survey of workforce dollars invested in Philadelphia is underway. Data collection is slow but progressing.

The Philadelphia WIB presented information on the Career and Technical Education Programs in the Philadelphia School District. This is on-going work.

The Business of the Committee

The committee reviewed and discussed the questions collected on the virtual board and directly from committee members. The organization of the questions was altered slightly.

The process for setting an agenda dominated the majority of the discussion.

The main consensus of the committee was that the research agenda must reflect the information needs of the other Philadelphia WIB committees.

The committee charged the staff to seek the input of other committees before deciding on an agenda.

Next Meeting

The next Meeting is October 28th.