



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**Executive Director's Report
April 18, 2008**

An Ad Hoc committee was appointed at the February meeting to begin work on an agenda for a board retreat scheduled for May 19th in Seward. I have attached an agenda for the board retreat, and staff are working on board member orientation packets for the meeting. Christi Bell, Executive Director of the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development will be the facilitator for the board retreat.

The next full AWIB meeting is scheduled for May 20th and 21st at the Alaska Vocational Training Center Student Services Building in Seward. The agenda for the AWIB meeting was approved by the Executive Committee on April 8th and is attached. Board members should make their reservations through Bejean for the May meeting.

Staff will be preparing board binders and expect to have all materials for the meeting posted on the AWIB website by May 5th. Hard copies of the binders will be available at the meeting in Seward.

Five new board members were appointed to the AWIB including Sharlene Berg (private industry), John Cannon (professional w/exp. developmental disabilities), Tony Delia (private industry), Jim Lynch (business/industry), and Paulette Schuerch (native organization representing employment & training). Dave Rees and Linda Hulbert were re-appointed to four year terms. Rosters will be updated to reflect the new board members once all contact information has been received. Please welcome our new members to the board!

Committees

- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for May 15th at 10:00 a.m.
- The AWIB Board Retreat is scheduled for May 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The AWIB Business Meeting is scheduled for May 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and May 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The next Policy and Planning/Assessment and Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled for May 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

Status of Current Projects

- Staff held a meeting with the Training Plan Template Ad Hoc Committee on April 10th and further work was completed on April 18th. The Training Plan Template will be reviewed at the May AWIB meeting.
- The formation of a health care industry panel will be discussed at the next Workforce Readiness/Employment and Placement Committee meeting to begin work on a workforce development plan for this industry.
- Staff will continue to work with the Board Retreat Ad Hoc Committee and facilitator on board binders for May 19th in Seward.

AGIA Strategic Planning Document

An electronic copy of the most recent draft of the AGIA Training Strategic Plan is available at http://www.labor.state.ak.us/AGIA_teams/docs-combined/agiaweb.pdf. Commissioner Bishop and Fred Esposito, AVTEC Director will give an update of the plan at the May AWIB meeting.

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AGIA Resource Documents are located at labor.state.ak.us/agia%5Fteams/.