

New Mexico Public Education Department Apprenticeship Training and Advisory Committee (ATAC)

NM State Capitol Building
Room 317
Santa Fe, NM

November 17, 2009

MINUTES

A regular bi-monthly meeting of the New Mexico Apprenticeship Training and Advisory Committee was called to order by Mr. Rick Meyer, Committee Vice-Chair, at 10:05 am on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at the State Capitol Building, Room 317.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bec Rheins	Greta Schouman	Louise Williams
Rick Meyer	Charles Schumann	Jeannie Baca
Jerry Welch		

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elisa Gallegos
Renee Lowden
Nancy Reisbeck
Chris Romero

AGENDA

A correction was made to the Agenda for November 17, 2009. Item IV lists 'Approval of Minutes for the July 21, 2009 meeting'; correction: 'Approval of Minutes for the September 15, 2009 meeting'.

Charles Schumann motioned to approved as amended. Bec Rheins seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A correction was made to the Minutes for September 15, 2009; under Absent heading: 'None'; correction: 'Jeannie Baca'.

Ms. Bec Rheins moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Greta Schouman seconded. Motion passed.

NM PED UPDATE

Louise Williams announced two vacant positions on the Apprenticeship Training and Advisory Committee. One is a voting position representing the Employers of Members of Apprenticeable Trades; the other is a non-voting position representing the NM College and University System of Vocational Education.

Mr. Meyer announced the positions on the Apprenticeship Training and Advisory Committee whose terms are due to expire in June. They are Bec Rheins, Nancy Reisbeck, Charles Schuman and Jeannie Baca.

Ms. Williams explained the term application process for these positions. The four above mentioned positions are voting positions with 4 year terms. If an individual had to vacate their position, another person would then be

approved to fill that vacancy for the duration of the term. Upon the term expiration, however, that position would again be open for anyone to apply or re-apply.

Ms. Williams gave an update and provided a spreadsheet of the Running Tally for the Apprenticeship Assistance Act allocation to date. The 09-10 budget allocation was \$650,000 for 21 training programs. The amount expended by programs at the end of the first quarter of September 30 is \$115,057.17 (17.7%).

Ms. Williams announced that the governor had signed a Solvency Reduction Bill – which has impacted Apprenticeship funds (referred to handout HB 17 & 33 page 3 (7c). The Apprenticeship Assistance Act appropriation has been reduced by 6.5%. In response to the question as to when the reduction will take effect, Ms. Williams said it is expected that direction will come from our Fiscal Office, perhaps, though, not until after the next Legislative Session. However, she is not certain of that, but will inform everyone as soon as that information is made available.

Rick Meyer stated that impact would mean approximately \$42,500 reduction in Apprenticeship funds.

PED will be requesting \$ 650,000 for Apprenticeship for the 2010-11 fiscal year, in light that grant increases are unlikely for the next fiscal year,

Ms. Williams reported a change in the claiming reimbursement process. Claims will no longer be processed by the Flowthrough Bureau. They will now go to the Procurement and General Services Bureau. To date, all purchase orders have been completed; submitted to the Department of Finance and approved. According to Mr. Cuessey, Bureau Chief of Procurement, it is expected that all vouchers will be completed by today and checks should be received by programs by the end of the first week of December just after Thanksgiving.

Ms. Williams introduced Margaret Garduno of the Workforce Development Board Northern Area. Ms. Garduno provided a PowerPoint presentation (handouts of PowerPoint) on the Workforce Investment Act database system listing training providers from across the country.

This workforce database developed/acquired by WIA provides an individual, a business or a training provider an opportunity to access additional funding to supplement training costs through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Workforce boards ensure that training institutions provide the appropriate training for eligible Federal and State Funds, largely for Workforce Investment Act funds. The benefit for being on the training provider list is that the trainer is then eligible for receiving local WIA funds for your training programs. An individual, business, or institution providing apprenticeship training and on the eligible training provider list will have the opportunity to be listed on any or all of the four WIA local areas. A trainer can be registered as an individual, a business or a provider. To be registered as a provider it is required to be registered through WIA in order to be on that list. See either Ms. Garduno or contact your local WIA business service representative to get started with the web application.

APPRENTICESHIP RULE TO THE PROCEDURES MANUAL

A public hearing was held this morning on the Apprenticeship Assistance Rule. It was well attended. There were no comments for suggested changes. Ms. Williams informed ATAC members, program representatives and members of the audience that the deadline for any comments they would like to contribute to the Rule is 5:00 pm today, November 17. Comments should be submitted to Marcia Knight or Ms. Williams both at PED. All comments will be documented and submitted to PED Secretary, Dr. Garcia. Secretary Garcia will review them and any changes will be made by the PED and published into the New Mexico Administrative Code. The process is to submit for publication 15 days prior to the next registration date. The register goes out on December 1 and if there are no changes as of December 1st it will then be published into the New Mexico Administrative Code Register and printed by December 15 or the next register on December 31. After it has been posted for two weeks it becomes the final rule. At that point, work on the Procedures Manual can proceed - which will reflect the Rule.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Apprenticeship Day – Ms. Nicolina Rushalko spoke on behalf of Mr. Chris Romero, who could not be present, that no date has yet been determined for the Round House.

Economic Research and Grant Opportunities - Ms. Williams also asked the committee for their thoughts of having more presentations such as this provided by Ms. Garduno. Several committee members agreed that having such presentations periodically would be very helpful. Ms. Williams offered presentation by Department of Workforce Solutions in the Spring.

Another presentation/workshop suggested is to identify funds available for apprenticeship training through the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship Training. Several committee members reported having taken advantage of opportunities in acquiring additional funds via a grant writing work session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Bridge of the National Elevators International Educational Program thanked everyone for the support provided to the effort in getting state licensing in New Mexico requirements mandated for the National Elevators International Educational Program.

Mr. Bridge announced that the NEIEP Board of Trustees set a mandate that anyone not currently employed could no longer participate in their apprenticeship program. The mandate was initially benefits-based, but it has since been extended to include anyone not currently employed. That is, if an apprentice is not employed he/she can no longer attend classes. Mr. Bridge asked whether the State or PED could intervene by recommending that those individuals be allowed to continue classroom training. Ms. Williams said she believes that decision should probably come from the registering committee.

Ms. Nicolina Rushalko from Department of Workforce Solutions reported that Chris Romero is doing well after his surgery and looks forward in being back to work as soon as he is able.

Mr. Rick Myer ask about PWAT payments. Ms. Rushalko reported on the status of the PWAT. The Budget Adjustment Request was submitted at the beginning of the fiscal year; however, because of budget cuts and the Special Legislative Session, BARs were not being honored. She hopes to get some response from the Department of Finance and Administration within the next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second quarter claims *and* mid-year surveys are due on Jan 8 by 5:00 pm; submit electronically to Louise Williams, originals with claims to DWS within the timeline.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2010 at 10:00 am at the IBEW Local 611 at the hall at 4921 Alexander, Albuquerque.

ADJOURNMENT

Charles Schumann moved to adjourn, Greta Schouman seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:33