

Productivity Board Meeting Minutes

May 05, 2006

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Sam Reed, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., and welcomed all in attendance, then began introductions.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present: Sam Reed, Brian Sonntag, Linda Villegas Bremer, Kathleen Brockman, Mike Kerschbaum, George Masten, Wanda Riley, and Joyce Turner

Board Members absent: Terry Teale, and Scott Turner.

Staff present: Josi Brooks, Chana Clark, and Tracy Workman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed, moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the April 7, 2006 minutes as written.

MONTHLY UPDATE

Tracy Workman reported the May 3rd PSRW Celebration was very successfully concluded in Olympia, Vancouver and Spokane. Tri-Cities will hold their event May 10th. Olympia's attendance was our greatest with 22 agency and vendor display booths. There were 9 participants in the talent competition with Joanie Nacke as "Tina Turner" winning the "Take the Mike" award. Food donations from the Department of Health Washington Potato Commission, Secretary of State and Costco added to the success of the event.

Vancouver and Spokane's events were held May 4th, with Chana and Tracy attending the 3rd Annual Vancouver event, with Mayor Royce Pollard was the keynote speaker. Agency booths included Lottery, Employment Security, Department of Transportation, Washington State Patrol, and Washington State University. There were about 150 in attendance at this event.

Sam attended the Spokane event and Linnaea was able to be there. Sam was also the keynote speaker for this event. Spokane's event had a low attendance, with about 50 in attendance, and it is thought that perhaps it was because of the location of Airway Heights Correction Center. Plans are underway for a more conducive location for next year.

Sam mentioned two of the Extra Mile awards that he presented at the Spokane event, and gave a little background: (excerpt from the actual nomination) "Edith Vance, a Social Worker and Home Support Specialist Sandra Kirk went to a remote location outside of Curlew WA to take three children into protective custody due to extreme neglect and parental drug abuse. The removal of

the children had been recommended by the local Child Protection Team after it was learned that the family had returned to the area from Colorado. The family had gone to Colorado in December 2004 to avoid CPA intervention. Ms Vance and Ms Kirk were accompanied by Ferry County Sheriff's Detective JR Sharp. While Ms Vance, Ms Kirk and Det. Sharp spoke to the mother of the children regarding their living conditions, the father grabbed a machete from the bus in which the family was living and brutally attacked Ms Vance. The attack resulted in sever lacerations to her head, arms and back and a broken nose. The shear force of the blows with which he struck her broke her arm. The father was shot and killed by Det. Sharp. Ms Kirk went to the police vehicle and radioed for assistance from the nearby Border Patrol office.

When the office supervisors arrived, they found Ms Vance in the emergency room concerned only for the welfare of the children who had just seen their father shot to death. Ms Kirk managed to maintain her cool and was able to comfort the children through this chaotic time."

Sam mentioned that when the award was given, everyone gave her a rousing standing applause. It was a very emotional experience for all concerned, he said.

Another award was: Monroe Hartung, a Correctional Officer who encountered an armed subject in the City of Medical Lake and notified police that assistance was requested. The subject was walking near a school with an SKS rifle, with the magazine inserted. Hartung assisted the Police Chief in securing the subject while a determination was made regarding the situation. Hartung took action in a situation that demanded immediate attention to prevent the possibility of injury or death to members of the public. He was awarded for his valor by the City of Medical Lake, as well as being nominated for the Extra Mile award.

The Longevity Award recipient is 70 years old, and has worked in water resources management with the Department of Ecology, and is now working with FEMA regarding floods. He worked 40 years.

The automated employee suggestion form is "live" on the Secretary of State's website, and employees can now submit ideas on-line. Once they submit their suggestion, it is sent to the "innovate" email which comes directly to the Productivity Board office. This is going to be one of the marketing points Chana and Linnaea are going to stress in this summers' marketing campaign.

This is the first month that board packets were sent out electronically. This eliminated over 100 packets being generated, collated, and mailed. Now they are scanned on the color scanner, downloaded, and emailed to all those other than Board Members, who will still receive hard copy.

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION ADOPTS

Brian Sonntag concurred with agency recommendation. It was moved, seconded, and *the Board voted unanimously to accept agency and staff recommendations.*

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION MULTIPLE AGENCY

Brian Sonntag concurred with agency recommendation. It was moved, seconded, and *the Board voted unanimously to accept agency and staff recommendations.*

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION NON-ADOPTS

Joyce Turner concurred with agency recommendation. It was moved, seconded, and *the Board voted unanimously to accept agency and staff recommendations.*

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2006 in the Office of the Secretary of State, Legislative Building at 10:00 AM.

- ***Reminder:*** The reviewers for May are Kathleen Brockman (Adopts/Multiple Agency) and Sam Reed (Non-Adopts). *Both reviewers will also review any Appeals and Teamwork Incentive Program applications presented.*

ADJOURNMENT –There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TRACY WORKMAN
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