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TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
ARKANSAS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD  
December 30, 1999

A meeting called by Chairman Bill Fisher was held by teleconference on December 30, 1999, for the purpose of acting on the Arkansas Strategic Five-Year Plan for Workforce Investment Act Title I Youth Activities as recommended by the WIB staff. Chairman Fisher presided over the teleconference that started at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Linda Beene, Executive Director, called the roll. The following members were present:

Robert Drechsler	Alan Hughes	Campbell Wilkerson
Larry Featherstone	Gloria Lynn	
Bill Fisher	Karen McFarren	

Members unable to participate in the teleconference were:

Florine Bingham	Lisa Ferrell	Kathy Matlock
Joe Dillard	Jodie Mahony	Helen Moore

Chairman's Comments: Chairman Fisher declared a quorum available and reminded that the purpose of the call meeting was to act on a proposed youth plan. He stated that Ms. Rebekah Lee, Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Mike Huckabee, Attorney Mike Brustein, and representatives of the Employment Security Department had reviewed the youth plan. He said that none of them detected problems at this point and that Mr. Brustein believes it is among the best plans he has seen. In response to a question from Ms. McFarren, Chairman Fisher said that Ms. Michelle Driscoll, Dallas Office, United States Department of Labor, is pleased with the plan. However, Mr. Fisher indicated that both Mr. Brustein and Ms. Driscoll mentioned that, during a 90-day review period, DOL may negotiate some changes.

Discussion: Mr. Drechsler asked whether the terms "youth services" and "youth activities" have different meanings as used in the youth plan. Dr. Beene responded that the terms are interchangeable. He asked about a timeline for submittal of plans by local WIBs, and Dr. Beene said that the local plans will be due on April 1, 2000.

Both Mr. Drechsler and Mr. Wilkerson complimented Dr. Beene and her staff on development of the youth plan.

Action on the Youth Plan: Mr. Drechsler offered the following motion: **I move transmittal of the final draft of the Arkansas Strategic Five-Year Plan for Workforce Investment Act Title I Youth Activities to Governor Huckabee for submission to Ms. Alexis Herman, Secretary, United States Department of Labor, with a copy to Mr. Joe Juarez, Regional Administrator, United States Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration.** The motion was seconded by Ms. McFarren and carried without opposing vote. (A copy of the plan is on file in the office of the Executive Director.)

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Announcements: Chairman Fisher invited remarks from Executive Committee members. When none were offered, he expressed hope that all would be available for the full Board retreat to be held in Little Rock on January 11, 2000.

Adjournment: The teleconference was concluded by Chairman Fisher at approximately 2:20 p.m.

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Bill Fisher, Chairman

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Linda Beene, Executive Director





