

Special points of interest:

- *Economic Stimulus Program - impact on WIB Area*
- *Health Service Site Administrator*
- *Summer Youth Program*

Economic Stimulus Program

Impact on Tri-County Area

The WIB has received a Notice of Obligation for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds.

The WIB's approximate allocations under the ARRA are:

Adult	\$	165,660
Youth		387,780
Dislocated Worker		1,456,962
Total	\$	2,010,402

The funds must be spent on training and support payments for One-Stop Career Center customers. Since ARRA funds are a one-time allocation, staff and facility expenditures should be minimized. ARRA funds must be obligated by June 30, 2010 and spent by June 30, 2011.

ARRA Youth funding includes funds for a summer program for youth (*see article on page three*) age 14-24 (WIA funds youth 14-21). Youth participants will receive the minimum wage. ARRA Summer Youth participants must attain documented workforce readiness skills.

ARRA funds are subject to relevant procurement laws and WIA eligibility standards. They are also subject to the following Common Measures (performance metrics) for federally-funded employment and training programs:



Adults: Entered Employment, Employment Retention, Average Earnings

Youth: Placement in Employment or Education, Attainment of Degree or Certificate, Literacy and Numeracy Gains

Summer Youth are exempt from Common Measures, but must attain workforce readiness certification.

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Welcome to Health Service Site Administrator

Jack Patten has announced that the Morris Sussex Warren WIB is hosting **Robert C. Spellman, Jr.**, a Health Service Site Administrator funded through the Workforce Innovations in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grant.

Robert, who will serve for one year, will form and support a Health Care Advisory Council of major area health care providers which will guide his activities. He will also develop and implement career ladders and lattices with cooperating employers. Robert will also educate employers on New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development,



WIB and WIRED training opportunities to area health care employers.

Jack noted that the Health Service Site Administrator's efforts

in addressing

health care employment issues on the WIB's behalf present an excellent public relations opportunity for the WIB to position itself as an effective health care labor market intermediary.



Next WIB
Open Meeting:

May 28

Save the Date!

Surge at One-Stop Centers

WIB partners have seen the country's economic downturn add to the crowding at the One-Stop Career Centers.

Leslie Drew, acting Manager of the Dover One-Stop Career Center, reported that they have had to add additional Reemployment Orientation sessions to accommodate the large volume of newly unemployed customers.

Lech Szymanski, Manager of the Phillipsburg One-Stop Career Center, noted that customers who would have been serviced by the recently closed Hunterdon County One-Stop in Flemington are now coming to Phillipsburg for service, further straining their limited capacity.

Lean Training

Jack Patten reported that he has been working with Sean Hendricks and Ken Nerbak, WIB area local Business Service Representatives from the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program (NJMEP) to provide free lean training to targeted tri-county area manufacturers.

As per the NJMEP, "Lean is about being able to do more with less and get more with less. Lean is about eliminating waste and producing what your customers want when they want it. Everywhere you look represents an opportunity - a

place to improve throughput, eliminate set-up steps, reduce inventory, speed up delivery, improve cash flow, and become more efficient."

New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program, Inc. (NJMEP) is a not-for-profit organization charged with assisting New Jersey's small- and medium-sized businesses to become more productive, profitable, and globally competitive.



Summer Youth Program (SYP)

Job Opportunities for Tri-County Youth



As a part of the economic stimulus plan, the WIB will receive approximately \$387,780 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Youth funding. Most of the funding will be used for a Summer Youth Program (SYP) in Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties.

The 2009 Summer Youth Program, which starts in July and ends in August, will serve low-income youth from 16 to 24 years old, with priority given to unemployed out-of-school youth.

Morris/Sussex/Warren Employment and Training Services has contacted over 250 potential work sites to determine their interest in and capacity for SYP participation. The Request for Proposals for the summer programs was issued with the year round program requests, and was due March 31.

Summer Youth Program participants:

- must attain documented workforce readiness skills,
- will receive the minimum wage, and,
- will be engaged in program activities for up to 30 hours per week.

*For more information on the 2009 Summer Youth Program, contact **Barbara McShane** at:*

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Morris County Job Fair Draws 1000+ Jobseekers

More than 1,000 people recently attended a Job Fair which was co-sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJ DOLWD) and the WIB.

The April 21 Job Fair was held at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy. It was arranged by Sean Hendricks, NJ DOLWD Business Services Representative, and conducted by NJ DOLWD staff from the Dover One-Stop Career Center.

The Star-Ledger reported that “hundreds of former executives cut from high-paying positions” were among the Fair attendees.

A recently laid off chemist stated he was “pleasantly surprised” to see several companies covering a wide range of occupations.

WIB Director **Jack Patten** noted that “the regional labor market is so big that any percentage (of unemployment) over 5 percent leads to a substantial number of unemployed people.” He went on to say, “If the economy remains the way it is, we’ll probably have another fair in the fall.”

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Have a Submission?

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Mary Jo Buchanan Honored

Receives Award at NewBridge Gala



Director of the Morris County Department of Human Services and WIB member **Mary Jo Buchanan** was presented with the *NewBridge 2009 Helping People Move Forward* award at their annual gala, *The Magic of NewBridge*.

NewBridge noted that "Buchanan has dedicated her life to helping others in direct human services, administration and in educating others in the field."

Mary Jo Buchanan has been the Morris County Director of Human Services since October 2007. In that position, she

is responsible for all of the County's human services including funding, direct services, planning and coordination. Her department includes the County's welfare department, mental health, substance abuse and youth services, seniors, disabilities, veterans, employment and training services, and Morris View Healthcare Center. Prior to this position, Mary Jo was the Executive Director of Family Service of Morris County since 1989. She has over 20 years of experience in clinical social work, non-profit agency management, fundraising and marketing.

Mary Jo has a Master's Degree in Social Work, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers. She has a second Masters degree in Public Administration. Mary Jo has worked in a variety of other non-profit settings, including an Easter Seal Society, a battered women's shelter, a child guidance clinic and a United Way.

"Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish yourself. It's what you do for others."

- Danny Thomas

2008 WIB Annual Reports

The 2008 WIB Annual Reports are available and being distributed to: WIB members, WIB Committee members, One-Stop sites, mayors, legislators, economic development groups, media, officials and others in the tri-county area. If you would like to have one or a quantity mailed to you, contact Sallie Sullivan either by e-mail at ssullivan@co.morris.nj.us or phone at (973) 829-8400, extension 230.

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