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## **Executive Board Meeting**

June 14, 2024 at 12pm 1812 on the River (formerly Maggie's)

In attendance: Cheryl Mayforth – Director, Anne Garno – Assistant Director, Matt Cooper, Jody Petit,

Rob Aiken

Excused: Rod Castillo

The agenda for the June 20, 2024 Board meeting was presented.

The board will have a presentation from staff at the Office of New Americans. The Executive Committee is excited to hear the information and Jody suggested that employers may need assistance navigating paperwork and regulations around what constitutes a legal employee.

There will be 8 resolutions and those have been sent to Board members.

Anne Garno, the new Assistant Employment and Training Director, began on May 28, 2024.

At the Board meeting, Chery will present a plan to increase the self-sufficiency wage from \$21 an hour to \$25 an hour. This brings us in line with St. Lawerence and closer to Oswego counties. There are no additional costs to the county for this but would allow The WorkPlace to serve a wider range of individuals. Self-sufficiency calculations can be found on the Department of Labor website and will be presented at the Board meeting.

Cheryl pointed out that there is a funding cut in the new budget but it is not so substantial that programs and services will be impacted.

There was some discussion around continuing challenges in the labor force due to retirements and shrinking populations. All sectors are impacted but non-profits are finding staffing especially challenging right now.

Cheryl provided an update on the building transfer of ownership and the challenges with elevator replacement.

The meeting was adjourned at 1pm.

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