



## **JTP DIRECTOR'S REPORT** **January 27, 2011**

### **Welcome to our new Chief Elected Officials:**

At our January meeting three new CEOs will be joining us. Please welcome Jackie Smith, who is currently serving on the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors and will be replacing Doug Walsh on the CEO Board. We also welcome Tim Jessen, who is currently serving on the Monona County Board of Supervisors and will be replacing Charlie Brown. In addition to the above Supervisors we welcome John Fitch to the Chief Elected Officials. John is currently serving on the Sioux City City Council. Because Sioux City is a metropolitan area with over 50,000 in population, one of the Council members from this city may serve as a CEO. At the last CEO meeting it was decided to take this issue to the City Council and after discussion John agreed to serve in this capacity. We want to thank these members for their willingness to serve on our CEO Board.

### **Annual Performance Measures:**

Our January meeting traditionally has been a joint meeting with the Regional Workforce Investment Board and the Youth Advisory Council. Because we have financial decisions that must be made as to incentive funds at this meeting we have asked the CEOs to join us as well. At the joint meeting of the three entities we will discuss Performance Measures for Program Year 2009. We were fortunate to meet and even exceed all Performance Measures for our Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs. This allowed us to qualify for incentive funds which will be discussed at our meeting. Unfortunately, our youth program missed meeting performance measures in one category this past year. There were some data integrity issues with this group because of the conversion to a new data entry system but after all these issues were checked and rechecked Region 12 was short by a few percentage points in one area. Statewide only 4 regions met all the youth Performance Measures. Because this audience presents so many challenges the directors from these Regions have asked the State for assistance in this area so as we work with the youth we can best assist their needs.

### **John Morrell Retraining Efforts:**

I have asked Shawn Fick, our Assistant Director, to update you on the retraining efforts for the John Morrell workers at our meeting. We are now 3 quarters into this effort and have made great progress. This has been a very challenging project but under the leadership of Shawn and his staff, Job Training Partners and the many partners that have come together to serve this audience are doing some phenomenal things. The sheer numbers of workers we are serving and the diversity of skills and abilities among these workers has caused us to try new training techniques and initiate new training programs that we feel are serving this audience well. I feel you should all be aware of some of these efforts and also the challenges associated with them in your capacity on the RWIB.

### **Thank you....**

Finally, I want to express a heartfelt thanks to Doug Walsh for his 12 years of service and to Charlie Brown for his 4 years of Service to the CEOs. Both of these gentlemen have gone above and beyond in their service to our workforce efforts. We want them to know we appreciate their service to our communities.