

Hartford Future Workforce Task Force Members

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Job Ready Work Group: Robert Henry, Superintendent
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Almost Job Ready Work Group: Ira Rubenzahl, President
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Not Job Ready Work Group: Lewis Robinson, Board Member and Veronica Airey-Wilson, Deputy Mayor
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Capital Region Workforce Development Board (CRWDB)

Thomas Phillips, President and CEO
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CRWDB provided funds to support the efforts of a consultant to help organize and facilitate the activities of the Task Force. CRWDB staff were assigned to provide direct support to the Local Employers Work Group and the Job Ready Work Group, Almost Job Ready Work Group, and to the Task Force as a whole. Staff also conducted significant data collection, analysis and research to establish a framework for developing recommendations.

Hartford Department of Human Services (DHS)

Dr. Ramon Rojano, Director
Martha Jackson, Senior Administrative Analyst

DHS staff conducted a search of existing programs serving 18-24 year olds in Hartford and produced a directory listing and describing 21 relevant programs for Task Force members' review. Staff compiled, summarized and organized identified best practices into a working draft document as a potential tool to help inform the discussion about assessing program quality of local service providers. DHS staff also provided direct support to the Almost Job Ready Work Group.

United Way of the Capital Area (UWCA)

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UWCA staff conducted research of national sources about best practices in workforce development programs and policies that support out-of-school 18-24 year old urban youth and produced a summary of findings for consideration by the entire Task Force. Through the Annie E. Casey's Making Connections Initiative, UWCA played a key role in making available to the Task Force the research into best practices conducted by Jobs for the Future. Staff provided direct support to the efforts of the Not Job Ready Work Group. In addition, UWCA generously hosted Task Force, Work Group and Steering Committee meetings at their Laurel Street offices.