

Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Location: Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center
214 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet
February 6, 2012
Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant	X		Cheryl McCarthy	X	
Mary Bertolini		X	Peter McLenighan	X	
Tom Bloodgood	X		Don Moran	X	
Herb Brooks	X		Jim Moustis	X	
Jayne Cain Casimere	X		Pat Mudron		X
RJ D'Orazio		X	Guadalupe Preston		X
Gregory Dover	X		Jim Rink		X
Susan Flessner	X		Steve Rockwell		X
Cornell Graves	X		Shana Ross		X
John Greuling	X		Suzanne Sallay	X	
Monica Guillory		X	Christine Sanchez	X	
Pam Heavens	X		Cecilia Sauzamede	X	
Rita Herrick	X		Gayle Stricklin		X
Lyle Hicks	X		Joe Strong		X
Mark Jepson		X	James Tromp	X	
Bob Klein	X		Jimie Wheeler		X
Barb Ladner	X		Betty Yott		X

Others Present: Saul Brass, Gary Ellinger, Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, Jason Keller, Dan Kreidler, Susan Longworth, Nick Palmer, Gina Tuminello, and Paige Vanderhyden.

Welcome and Minutes

Greg Dover called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. The minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Barb Ladner, seconded by Don Moran.

System and Trends Committee

The Program Certification policy was slightly revised to incorporate all the language of the State's Certification policy. The changes were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Barb Ladner.

Governors State University submitted two new programs for consideration to be added to the Illinois Provider Certification list: Home Inspection and BS in Computer Science. Both programs meet the minimum requirements and were approved on a motion by Jim Tromp, seconded by Suzanne Sallay.

Lewis University submitted two new programs for consideration to be added to the Illinois Provider Certification list: Type 75 Certification and LBS1 Endorsement. Both programs met the minimum requirements and were approved on a motion by Jim Moustis, seconded by Barb Ladner.

The University of St. Francis submitted 13 new programs for consideration to be added to the Illinois Provider Certification list: Web Application Development, Information Technology/Network Specialist, Mathematics with Actuarial Science Concentration, Computer Science/Electronics, Information Technology, Mathematics, Computer Science, Mass Communications, Mathematics and Computer Science, Social Work, Recreation Administration, Theology, and Psychology. All programs besides Web Application Development, Theology, and Psychology met the minimum requirements and were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Cheryl McCarthy.

Youth Council

The Career Seeker Youth contracts expire June 30, 2012. The Youth Council recommended running the Career Seekers Youth program in-house, by the Workforce Services Division staff and to contract out only two components of the program: preparation for postsecondary education (GED/Academic skill training) and preparation for employment service (work readiness/leadership training). Benefits of doing this include maximization of decreasing resources, better service of the youth in the program, cutting costs, and more flexibility in program design and modification. The recommendation was approved on a motion by Barb Ladner, seconded by Jim Moustis to release Request for Proposals for the two youth functions and to change the design of the program. Volunteers will be asked to review proposals received and recommended contractors will be voted on at the April Board meeting.

A request to allow a transfer of \$100,000 into subsidized employment funding for the current youth contracts was approved on a motion by Pete McLenighan, seconded by Barb Ladner.

New Business

All customers who receive a Career Scholarship for training must complete the Career Readiness program. The current Career Readiness contract expires on June 30, 2012. A request for proposals will be released in February for the Career Readiness program, which will include a youth component. Contractors will be asked to develop a model for youth as well as a model for adults. It was approved to release the RFP on a motion by Barb Ladner, seconded by Jim Tromp.

Presentation

Susan Longworth, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago gave a presentation on the Industrial Cities Project. Longworth received feedback on the findings of the project the Board discussed the implications and outcomes of her analysis.

Manager's Report

Fera distributed the latest Layoff Report and Fiscal Report for the Board to review.

Next Meeting

The next Workforce Investment Board meeting will be on April 16, 2012 at 7:30 am. The meeting location will be Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center in the Amerifed Room, 214 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL 60432.