

**Workforce Investment Board of Will County**  
**Location: Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center**  
**214 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet**  
**April 16, 2012**  
**Minutes**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>					
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:** Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, Dan Kreidler, Martha McDermott, Nick Palmer, Gina Tuminello, and Paige Vanderhyden.

***Welcome and Minutes***

Greg Dover called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. The minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Barb Ladner, seconded by RJ D'Orazio.

***New Business***

Pat Fera presented the PY12 Workforce Investment Act allocations. They were accepted on a motion by Rita Herrick, seconded by Pete McLenighan to accept the PY12 allocation of 4.6 million dollars. Fera noted that this allocation was a six percent decrease from the PY11 allocation.

Fera reported that we partnered with DuPage and Kankakee/Grundy/Livingston County Workforce Boards, and three community colleges to apply for a Department of Labor Workforce Innovation Grant. This grant is for five million dollars over 40 months to provide Veterans and their spouses with workforce services. Awards for this grant should be made in early summer.

***System and Trends Committee***

The System and Trends Committee recommended six new programs to be added to the Illinois Provider Certification list: Governors State University: Mathematics (BA), Mathematics with Teacher Education Concentration (BA), Math Education Certificate, Joliet Junior College: Fire Science Technology (AAS), Automotive Body Repair (AAS), Wilco Area Career Center:

Certified Nursing Assistant. All programs were approved on a motion by Betty Yott, seconded by Suzanne Sallay.

Every year all approved programs on the Illinois Provider Certification List need to be reviewed for annual recertification. Fera reviewed all approved programs and provided a management letter recommending recertification of all programs that met policy criteria and appear on the DCEO Demand Occupation List for Northeast Economic Development Region. All requested programs were approved on a motion by Suzanne Sallay, seconded by Pete McLenighan.

### ***Youth Council***

A request for proposals went out in February for the GED/Academic Skills enhancement Program. Two proposals were received; one from Education Service Network and one from Joliet Junior College. A review team made up of Youth Council members and Workforce Investment Board members met to review and rate proposals. The Youth Council recommended awarding Joliet Junior College the contract. This recommendation was approved on a motion by Cheryl McCarthy, seconded by Guadalupe Preston.

### ***Old Business***

A request for proposals also was released in February for the Work Readiness program, which included both an adult and youth component. Only one proposal was received and it was from Joliet Junior College. The review team met, reviewed and rated the proposal and the Youth Council recommended awarding Joliet Junior College the contract. This recommendation was approved on a motion by Barb Ladner, seconded by Pete McLenighan.

### ***Manager's Report***

Fera gave an update on Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization. She discussed the key issues of WIA Reauthorization.

Fera distributed the latest Fiscal Report for the Board to review. Fera updated the Board on the Industrial Cities Initiative project. She distributed the Working Paper. Fera distributed and discussed the highlights of *An Overview of the Public Workforce Development Resources Report*.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next Workforce Investment Board meeting will be on June 11, 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.