

Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Location: Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center
214 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet
June 10, 2013
Minutes

| BOARD MEMBERS | | | | | |
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| Name | Present | Absent | Name | Present | Absent |
| Tom Bloodgood | | X | Colleen Mathy | | X |
| Herb Brooks | | X | Cheryl McCarthy | | X |
| Jayme Cain Casimere | X | | Peter McLenighan | X | |
| Debra Daniels | X | | Don Moran | X | |
| Gregory Dover | X | | Jim Moustis | X | |
| Susan Flessner | X | | Pat Mudron | X | |
| Cornell Graves | | X | Guadalupe Preston | X | |
| John Greuling | | X | Calvin Quarles | X | |
| Monica Guillory | | X | Jim Rink | | X |
| Pam Heavens | | X | Steve Rockwell | X | |
| Rita Herrick | X | | Suzanne Sallay | X | |
| Lyle Hicks | | X | Christine Sanchez | | X |
| Carlos Interrial | X | | Jerry Staley | | X |
| Mark Jepson | | X | Gayle Stricklin | | X |
| Bob Klein | | X | Joe Strong | X | |
| Barb Ladner | X | | James Tromp | X | |
| Allison Lizzadro | X | | Betty Yott | X | |

Others Present: Gideon Blustein, Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, Nick Palmer, Gina Tuminello, and Paige Vanderhyden.

Welcome and Minutes

Greg Dover called the meeting to order. The minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Joe Strong.

Public Hearing

Greg Dover called the public hearing to order. Pat Fera presented the PY13 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) Workforce Investment Act allocations: Adult \$1,459,608, Dislocated Worker \$1,968,755, and Youth \$1,531,731 totaling \$4,960,094. Overall there was about a 6% increase above last year even after the 5% reduction for Sequestration. There are currently 550 customers in training. About 200 of those customers will carry forward leaving room for approximately 322 new customers. Will County received the third largest allocation in the State. Feral also reviewed the changes to the five-year plan. The Public Hearing was closed on a motion by Barb Ladner, seconded by Don Moran. The PY13 allocations and Five-Year plan were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Joe Strong.

New Business

Fera provided an overview of the GED Attainment/Academic Skills Attainment Program. The program is designed to improve the academic skills of youth enrolled by WSD who are deficient in reading and math. Joliet Junior College submitted a budget of \$172,907, which was about \$12,000 under last year. It was recommended that Joliet Junior College be awarded a one-

year extension to their current contract. This extension was approved on a motion by Joe Strong, seconded by Calvin Quarles. Debra Daniels abstained.

Fera provided an overview of the Work Readiness Program. All adults who receive a Career Scholarship for training must complete the Work Readiness Training program and take the NCRC Plus assessment. Last year the program was expanded to youth enrolled in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs. Joliet Junior College is asking for \$172,800 for the adult portion to run 15 classes, \$6,140 per class for additional classes. \$163,651 is for the youth portion. It was recommended that Joliet Junior College be awarded a one-year extension to their current Work Readiness contract. This extension was approved on a motion by Joe Strong, seconded by Suzanne Sallay. Debra Daniels abstained.

System and Trends Committee

Every year all approved programs on the DCEO State list need to be recertified for an additional year. The Board is required to review performance outcomes as well as wage and growth data for all approved programs every third year. The other two years Fera presents a management letter to the Board with her recommendations. This year, the Board reviewed all data. Fera presented the System and Trends Committee recommendation to recertify 172 programs and reject five programs. Fera noted that these program recommendations are for keeping programs on the DCEO State list for an additional year and not all programs are programs that we would send customers to. She included in the handouts the Demand Occupation List for Will County for the Board to see occupations we would fund. This recommendation was approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Pete McLenighan.

Fera presented the Dashboard Overview Report. The report gives a snapshot of customers served, dollars spent on training by industry sector, job growth and unemployment rates.

Fera also presented “*Where are the Jobs?*” This report is an indicator of jobs available and is created from an online program that uses web spider crawler technology to scour online job boards. Live links to the top 25 employer’s websites have been added to the report.

Fera presented the Customer Quarterly Report. This report shows traffic patterns and services used from July 1st through March 31st for the current fiscal year (PY13) in comparison to the same time period in PY12. The report also included a breakdown of the Mobile Workforce Center by location and a customer satisfaction report. The numbers at a couple MWC locations have been consistently low for months, particularly Frankfort Township. Alternative locations are being looked at on the East side of the County.

Youth Council

Susan Flessner provided the Board with a summary of the Youth Provider Networking Summit that was held on April 12, 2013 at Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center. There were approximately 130 attendees for the day. The motivational speaker was Wayne Messmer, who sang the National Anthem. 93 evaluations were collected showing the overall content of the day was very favorable.

Manager’s Report

Fera presented an overview of the Summer Youth Employment Program. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity received 14 million dollars for a summer youth program. Eligible applicants must be a community-based organization that has received state grant funds

and successfully administered a summer youth employment program before, or a community-based organization that has not received state grant funds but that can demonstrate the capacity to run a summer youth employment program. Fera forwarded the Summer Youth Employment Program application to community-based organizations in Will County and will inform the Board if any applicants receive funds.

Fera informed the Board of the Employer Training Investment Program (ETIP). This competitive application program is for Illinois based manufacturing and service companies to facilitate and upgrade the skills of their workers in order to remain current in new technologies and business practices. Fera informed the Board that funds may be available to Will County employers again.

The latest Fiscal Report was reviewed. This report shows expenses from July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. The most recent Layoff Report was also reviewed.

Fera presented the Board with an update on the Manufacturing Innovative Grant. Five Workforce Areas in the Chicago Metro Region partnering with seven community colleges and seven Economic Development organizations applied for 2 million dollars to serve 130 people. The State came back and asked for a new budget for fewer dollars. The new submission was for \$1.2 million. One of the grant applicants dropped out and the State is now offering the two million dollars but to serve 170 people. We are waiting for the final word on whether we have been awarded the grant. This grant will be used to develop, evaluate and sustain regional manufacturing partnerships that coordinate state economic development, workforce and education resources to meet the immediate needs of employers and job seekers in Manufacturing.

Next Meeting

The next Workforce Investment Board meeting will be on August 12, 2013 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.