

Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Location: Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center
214 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet
June 11, 2012
Minutes

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

Others Present: Gary Ellinger, Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, Louis Hamer, Dan Kreidler, Martha McDermott, Michelle Michaels, Gina Tuminello, and Paige Vanderhyden.

Welcome and Minutes

Greg Dover called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. The minutes of the April 16, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Cheryl McCarthy, seconded by Suzanne Sallay.

New Business

Michelle Michaels gave a presentation on Advantage Illinois, Small Business Credit Initiative. There are three institutional lending programs and one venture capital program.

The Workforce Investment Board is subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) and must comply with the regulations. The newest amendment that went into effect on January 1, 2012 requires that each person who is a member of the Board prior to January 1, 2012 must complete the online Open Meetings Act training administered by the Public Access Counselor prior to December 31, 2012 and file a certificate of completion with the Board. Pat Fera distributed an overview of OMA.

Susan Flessner updated the Board on the Veterans Work Experience Grant. Will County was offered a grant to fund five or six Dislocated Worker Veterans between 18 and 24 years of age to work for the summer at participating work sites. Workforce Services will be working with Illinois Department of Employment Security to identify eligible veterans for this program.

System and Trends Committee

The System and Trends Committee recommended two programs to be added to the Illinois State list of approved WIA programs: Joliet Junior College-Criminal Justice Associate's Degree program and Governors State University- Computer Networking certificate. Both programs met the minimum requirements and were approved on a motion by Jim Tromp, seconded by RJ D'Orazio. The System and Trends Committee rejected one program that was submitted by GSU-On-Line Teaching certificate. This program did not lead to an occupation on the Demand Occupation list for Northeast Economic Development Region.

At the April Workforce Investment Board meeting, the Board approved all programs for recertification for an additional year. Since that meeting, Joliet Junior College had a tuition increase which impacted 86 programs of these approved programs. The System and Trends Committee recommended recertification of all 86 programs. This recommendation was approved on a motion by Barb Ladner, seconded by Pete McLenighan.

The current value of a career scholarship is set at \$5,000 per year. Due to the large number of exceptions made by the Workforce Services Division manager to approve larger valued scholarships, it was recommended to change the Career Scholarship Value to \$10,000 per year or program, whichever is shorter for training in Information Technology, Manufacturing, Truck Driving, and Welding. A cap of \$5,000 will remain in place for all other training programs. This recommendation was approved on a motion by John Greuling, seconded by Cheryl McCarthy.

Fera gave an update on the Workforce Analysis Project. The next step in the Transportation/Logistics and Manufacturing industries is to collect primary data through an electronic and paper survey on the workforce needs and skill requirements of employers in Will County. For Healthcare/Biomed/Life Science industry cluster, an in depth economic impact analysis including both an overall impact analysis and an impact analysis of the subsectors in the cluster will be performed, followed by a survey. Both projects are scheduled to start in June 2012.

Youth Council

The Board reviewed a recap of the 2012 Youth Provider Networking Summit that was held on Friday, April 27, 2012. Over 120 youth providers attended including representatives from social service agencies, schools, and healthcare facilities.

Manager's Report

The Board reviewed the PY12 allocations that were approved at the April Board meeting. With the six percent reduction of funding for PY12, the Board reviewed number of customers in training for PY11 and PY12. There were 490 customers in training in PY11. 203 of them will continue training in PY12 and an additional 275 new customers will be enrolled in training.

Fera gave an update on Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization. She distributed the five critical components to WIA reauthorization legislation.

Fera distributed the April and May Fiscal Reports for the Board to review and the latest Layoff Report. Board members received the latest Economic Update.

Next Meeting

The next Workforce Investment Board meeting will be on August 13, 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.