

# Workforce Investment Board of Will County

Location: Prairie Bluff Golf Course

19433 Renwick Road, Lockport

October 20, 2014

## Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Nancy Baldwin	X		Cheryl McCarthy	X	
Tom Bloodgood		X	Peter McLenighan	X	
Herb Brooks	X		Don Moran	X	
Jayne Cain Casimere		X	Jim Moustis		X
Debra Daniels	X		Pat Mudron	X	
Gregory Dover	X		Peggy O'Leary	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Calvin Quarles		X
Beth Gonzalez		X	Jim Rink	X	
John Greuling	X		Steve Rockwell	X	
Pam Heavens		X	Suzanne Sallay	X	
Rita Herrick	X		Christine Sanchez	X	
Lyle Hicks	X		Gregory Shephard	X	
Carlos Interrial		X	Jerry Staley		X
Matthew Janiak	X		Joe Strong	X	
Mark Jepson	X		Anika Todd	X	
Allison Lizzadro	X		James Tromp	X	
Colleen Mathy		X	Betty Yott	X	

**Others Present:** Lulu Blacksmith, Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, Gina Tuminello.

### ***Welcome and Minutes***

Jim Tromp called the meeting to order. The minutes of the August 11, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Greg Dover, seconded by Herb Brooks.

### ***New Business***

Fera presented an overview of a regional project, Job Driven NEG Grant. The State awarded \$3.1 million to the Workforce Boards of Lake, DuPage and Will County to provide services, occupational and work-based training, certifications and job placement in the Information Technology sector. A subcontractor, TEC Services was selected to deliver the program on behalf of the region. The Board accepted the grant funds and awarded the funds to TEC Services to implement the project on a motion by Pete McLenighan, seconded by John Greuling.

Susan Flessner presented a proposal to the Board to move forward with the procurement of a new workforce mobile van. The current mobile workforce van is 10 years old and is in need of several repairs. The proposal was approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Cheryl McCarthy.

Fera informed the Board of a Work Based Learning pilot project that will expand opportunities and services for customers that may not want to go back to school. This purpose of this project is to develop and implement a small scale initiative focusing on paid internships for the long-term unemployed. Funding up to \$100,000 will pay for internships wages, employment

supports, and specialized workshops and materials. The pilot project will run until June 30, 2015. A detailed project overview will be presented to the WIB prior to the beginning of activity. The project was approved on a motion by Greg Dover, seconded by Suzanne Sallay.

The Will County Center for Independent Living has asked the Board to support the initiative, "Accessible Will County". This campaign's focus is to expand housing, transportation, and accessibility in buildings for the disabled. The Board approved supporting the initiative on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Joe Strong.

### ***Old Business***

Fera presented an overview of the implications of the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA). Next steps include providing the U.S. Department of Labor with comments for development of regulations, developing a program model for services, and creating a vision for a new One-Stop Center. Melanie Arthur will be meeting with Workforce Services Division supervisors to help incorporate WIAO mandated measures into Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs.

Fera presented a summary of the 2014 Youth Provider Summit that was held on October 9, 2014. 65 people attended the summit. The event consisted of a panel discussion, three breakout sessions, lunch and a motivational speaker.

Lulu Blacksmith gave a presentation on her dissertation study of the Will County Workforce Investment Board. . Blacksmith had requested to use the Workforce Investment Board of Will County as the basis for her study on collaborations between business leaders, members of local Workforce Investment Boards, and local community college leaders.

### ***System and Trends Committee***

John Greuling presented the System and Trends Report. The System and Trends Committee received a request from Associated Builders & Contractors to add their Apprenticeship Welding program to the Illinois State Provider Certification list. The program met the minimum requirements and was recommended to be added to the State list. This request was approved on a motion by Pete McLenighan, seconded by Greg Dover. Don Moran and Joe Strong voted no on the motion. Advantage Driver Training requested recertification to their Truck Driving Training (CDL) program. The program now offers up to 240 hours of driving. This recommendation was approved on a motion by Greg Dover, seconded by Pete McLenighan.

Fera presented a modification to the Career Scholarship Report. New language is being added to allow customers to be eligible for a scholarship if they were laid off from an occupation which they were employed in for at least 12 months in the previous two years. The recommendation was approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Cheryl McCarthy.

The final Service Analysis Report for 2014 was distributed to the Board. This report is a year in review of the services offered by the Workforce System. The report will also be distributed to County Board members, Legislators, township officials where the Mobile Workforce Center stops and to those townships that a significant number of our customers come from.

Fera mentioned that the Career Scholarship report is included in the Board materials. This report is a breakdown of where career scholarship funds are spent. The report breaks down

dollars spent by providers, programs, and by industry sectors. The final pages of the report are the outcomes of those that exited the program in the past two years.

Fera presented the Dashboard Overview Report. The report provides general information about the economy and the workforce services provided to customers. 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.

### ***Manager’s Report***

Fera gave an update on the Accelerated Training for Illinois Manufacturing Project (ATIM). The region has exceeded the contract goal of 177 customers enrolled in the program. There are currently 212 customers enrolled in manufacturing training in the Collar Counties as of September 26<sup>th</sup>. The region will continue to enroll people in the program until the funding is exposed. Fera mentioned that there were 21 hires at a Manufacturing Job Fair at Symbol Job Training in Skokie on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The job fair was a partnership between the ATIM program and Symbol Job Training.

The latest Fiscal Report was reviewed. This report shows expenses from July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014.

Fera presented an update on the Veteran’s internship grant from Waste Management. As of September 31<sup>st</sup>, seven Veterans have been placed in jobs with another eleven are ready to be placed.

A handout on the Work Ready Community project was provided to members.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next Workforce Investment Board meeting will be on December 8, 2014 at 7:30 am at Prairie Bluff Golf Course in Lockport.