

Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Location: Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center
214 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet
December 10, 2012
Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
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	
Gregory Dover	X		Jim Moustis		X
Susan Flessner	X		Pat Mudron	X	
Cornell Graves		X	Guadalupe Preston		X
John Greuling	X		Jim Rink	X	
Monica Guillory		X	Steve Rockwell		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
Barb Ladner	X				

Others Present: Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, Gina Tuminello, and Paige Vanderhyden.

Welcome and Minutes

Greg Dover called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. The minutes of the October 15, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Barb Ladner, seconded by Bob Klein.

New Business

Fera asked for volunteers to join a Legislative Task Force that will meet monthly via conference call to help develop a strategy and action plan for immediate and ongoing interaction with Federal, State, and Local elected officials. The first meeting will be after the first of the year. Members who are interested should contact Fera.

Fera gave the Board an update on the Comprehensive One-Stop Center designation requirements to include offering on-site Wagner-Peyser Services. Fera proposed that Will County maintain two Comprehensive One-Stop Centers offering Wagner-Peyser services; one at 214 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet and to award initial designation of the resource room in the Bolingbrook IDES Office, 321 Quadrangle Drive, Bolingbrook, pending final approval of all resource room services, training of resource room staff, agreement of data collection methods, and verification of equipment and technology availability. The proposal was approved on a motion by Jim Tromp, seconded by Cheryl McCarthy.

System and Trends Committee

The System and Trends Committee recommended three new programs from Rasmussen College be added to the Illinois Provider Certification list – Fire Science AAS, Criminal Justice

AAS, Criminal Justice BA, Paralegal AAS. All three programs met the minimum requirements and were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Joe Strong. One new program was recommended from Lewis University – Elementary Education MA. This program met the minimum requirements and was approved on a motion by Joe Strong, seconded by Suzanne Sallay. Rita Herrick abstained. One program from Joliet Junior College was recommended – Computer Numerical Control COC. This program was approved on a motion by Suzanne Sallay, seconded by Don Moran. Debra Daniels abstained. Three new programs from Governors State University were also recommended to be added to the list – Nursing BS, Biology-Teacher Education Concentration BS, Chemistry-Teacher Education Concentration. All three met the minimum requirements and were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Joe Strong.

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

The Board also reviewed *Where are the Jobs? Report*. 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.

In an effort to follow-up on unemployed customers who used the resource room in PY10, a data match was conducted between the unemployed customers with a valid social security number and the IDES wage data. Of the 2,138 unemployed customers who provided a valid SSN, 64% of them posted wages over \$1,000 during the four quarters following the program year that they utilized the Will County Resource Room.

Youth Council

The 2013 Youth Provider Networking Summit will be held on Friday, April 12, 2013. This will be the second summit that is sponsored by Workforce Investment Board and MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning & Partnerships) member agencies. Wayne Messmer will be the motivational speaker.

The Board reviewed a one-page overview of Connect 2 Employment (C2E), the WIA youth program that was implemented July 1, 2012. A C2E report (July 1 through September 30) along with the demographics of enrolled students was also reviewed.

The Career Seekers Youth Policy was changed and updated to reflect the changes of the current youth program. These changes were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Suzanne Sallay.

Manager's Report

John Greuling from the Will County Center for Economic Development distributed the Will County Center for Economic Development 2012 Annual Report to Investors.

Fera gave an update on the Workforce Analysis project. The Manufacturing/Logistics survey will be going out this week to Manufacturing and Logistic companies in Will County. This survey will help us to understand workforce needs in these industries. Fera received the first draft in the Healthcare/BioMed industry report. She will have more information at the February Board meeting.

Joliet Junior College was one of twenty-one community colleges in the state to receive a grant from Illinois Net of Advanced Manufacturing. This grant will be used to update labs, purchase new equipment, instructors for newly added manufacturing programs.

The 2013 Workforce Investment Board and committee meeting schedule was distributed as well as the most recent Layoff Report. There was a suggestion was to do a comparison of the last two years to see the trend in layoffs in the County.

Fera did a presentation on the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). Joliet Junior College Workforce Development is offering the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). The National Career Readiness Certificate provides existing and potential job candidates with a credential that proves their skill level to enhance employability. This certification allows employers a more efficient way to assess work skills.

The certificate is designed to complement other traditional credentials, such as a high school diploma or community college degree, and confirms the person's competence in specific workplace skills in Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Employers use the certificate, along with other education and background information, to make employment and training decisions. Higher scores indicate an individual's readiness for a greater range of jobs.

Next Meeting

The next Workforce Investment Board meeting will be on February 4, 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.