

Workforce Investment Board of Will County

Location: Prairie Bluff Golf Course

19433 Renwick Road, Lockport

February 9, 2015

Minutes

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

Others Present: Jami Boyd, Gary Ellinger, Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, Karen Knudse, Nick Palmer, Gina Tuminello, Paige Vanderhyden.

Welcome and Minutes

Jim Tromp called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Greg Dover, seconded by Betty Yott.

System and Trends Committee

Pat Fera presented on the System and Trends Committee. The Board reviewed System Usage Reports for July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The first report shows services and traffic patterns in the Resource Room, 4th Floor of Workforce Services Division, and on the Mobile Workforce Center (MWC). The second report breaks down the MWC by location.

Susan Flessner presented an update on the Mobile Workforce Center. She indicated that she is going out to bid in the next couple months for a new mobile center. The bids will be brought to the Workforce Investment Board meeting in April. She also mentioned that there was an article in the Herald News about the MWC recently.

Flessner informed the Board of a new feature on the jobs4people website. She provided information on the Resume Gallery where job seekers can post their resume for employers to review. Workforce Services staff will review the resumes and present job seeker with ideas and changes before posting. This is currently week two of collecting resumes.

The System and Trends Committee recommended adding one new program to the DCEO State list: Lewis University – RN BSN Degree Completion Program. The program met the minimum requirements and was approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Jim Moustis.

Fera gave a recap of the Will County Veteran's Internship program. This is the end of the first year. We received \$50,000 for three years to provide internships for Will County Veterans. Nine veterans have been placed so far.

Fera presented a six-month recap of the Work Readiness/NCRC program. Joliet Junior College runs the two-week program Work Readiness program and take the National Career Readiness Certification is required of anyone that gets a Career Scholarship to go into training. The recap shows scores of participants over the past six months. The recap also includes customer survey results from the participants in the program. The feedback from the survey was very positive. All Youth who participate in WIA programs must also complete the NCRC. The report also shows the scores of the youth that completed the program.

Fera provided an update on the Work Ready Community. An RFP will be released soon to contract with someone to do job profiling and marketing of the program to encourage more local companies to utilize the NCRC for hiring and promotion.

The most current Dashboard report and job postings report were reviewed. Wage data for the top industry sector occupations will be added to the next report.

Youth Council

Susan Flessner presented an overview of the Occupational Youth Training program that started July 1st, 2014. First Institute and Joliet Junior College were awarded contracts to facilitate youth enrolling in post-secondary education. Flessner also presented the Connect2Employment youth program quarterly report. Both contracts expire on July 1, 2015 and RFP's for the next year will be released next week.

Pat Fera mentioned that the State of Youth report was updated for 2014. This report is updated every two years and gives information for Youth providers about statistics on youth in Will County. The report is also available on our website at www.willcountyworkforceboard.com.

WIOA Implementation

Pat Fera presented an update on the implementation of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA). The transition team has met and discussion on the new legislation is in progress. She noted that regulations won't be out until late spring but she is still planning to have the transition to WIOA move forward locally as quickly as possible.

Fera mentioned that a letter was sent to Governor Rauner from the Workforce Boards of Metro Chicago providing him an overview of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and requesting to meet with members of his Administration or transition team about action items related to WIOA implementation.

New Business

Pat Fera provided an overview and time-line of the proposed Request for Proposals.

- Youth GED Attainment/Occupational Training
- Work Readiness
- On-the-Job Training
- One-Stop Operator
- Work Ready community Liaison and Job Profiler.

All five proposals were approved on a motion by Greg Dover, seconded by Cheryl McCarthy.

Manager's Report

Fera gave an update on the Accelerated Training for Illinois Manufacturing Project (ATIM). She noted that the grant was supposed to be finished by June 30th and has been extended till the end of August. This program has raised customer's interest in manufacturing jobs.

Fera provided an update on the regional Job Driven NEG Grant. The State awarded money 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. TEC Services was awarded a contract to implement the program. The contract was awarded on January 1, 2015.

The most current Fiscal Report showing expenditures from July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 was reviewed.

Next Meeting

The next Workforce Investment Board meeting will be on April 13, 2015 at 7:30 am at Prairie Bluff Golf Course in Lockport.