

Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Location: Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center
214 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet
June 9, 2014
Minutes

| BOARD MEMBERS | | | | | |
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| 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 | | Calvin Quarles | 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 | | Gregory Shepard | X | |
| Lyle Hicks | | X | Jerry Staley | X | |
| Carlos Interrial | X | | Gayle Stricklin | | 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, Maria Dimuzio, Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, Nick Palmer, John Skaggs, Gina Tuminello, and Paige Vanderhyden.

Welcome and Minutes

Jim Tromp called the meeting to order. Introductions were done. The minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Greg Dover.

New Business

Pat Fera presented the PY14 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014) Workforce Investment Act allocations: Adult \$1,589,809, Dislocated Worker \$2,332,892, and Youth \$1,680,836. Overall there was about a 10% increase over last year. There are currently 625 customers in training. About 380 will carry forward into PY14 leaving room for approximately 300 new customers. The PY14 allocations were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by John Greuling.

Fera provided an overview of the Work Readiness Program. All customers (Adult and Youth) who receive a Career Scholarship for training must complete the Work Readiness Training program and take the NCRC Plus assessment. It was recommended that Joliet Junior College be awarded a one-year extension to their current Work Readiness contract. This would be the last extension of a three year contract. This extension was approved on a motion by Herb Brooks, seconded by Suzanne Sallay. Deb Daniels abstained from the vote.

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. It was recommended that Joliet Junior College be awarded a one-year

extension to their current contract. This would be the last extension of a three year contract. This extension was approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Herb Brooks. Deb Daniels abstained from the vote.

System and Trends Committee

Suzanne Sallay presented a revision to the Training Provider Certification Policy. The System and Trends Committee recommended new language be added to the policy stating that an entirely on-line training delivery method would be considered on a case-by-case basis following certain criteria. Sallay also presented a revision to the Career Scholarship Policy. The System and Trends Committee recommended new language being added to allow for exclusively on-line programs that fall under the Training Provider Certification policy and are approved by the Administrative Manager of the Workforce Services Division of Will County. Both revisions were approved on a motion by Greg Dover, seconded by Calvin Quarles.

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 Fera reviewed programs and provided a Management Letter recommending 158 programs that met policy criteria and appear on the DCEO Demand Occupation list for Northeast Economic Development Region be recertified for an additional year. 17 programs are not being recommended for recertification mostly at the request of the providers. The recommendation was approved on a motion by Rita Herrick, seconded by John Greuling.

The System and Trends Committee received a request from the University of St. Francis to add two programs to the Illinois State Provider Certification list: Business Administration-BS and Healthcare Leadership-BS. The Committee rejected the Business Administration program because it is offered entirely on-line and under the local WIB policy cannot be approved. The Healthcare Leadership program met the minimum qualifications and was offered in a combination of on-line and in classroom method and was approved to be added to State list. The recommendations were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Greg Dover.

Pat Fera gave an overview and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate. Paige Vanderhyden presented an overview of the Work Ready Community Project. Fera asked for approval to move forward in becoming a Work Ready Community. The recommendation was approved on a motion by John Greuling, seconded by Don Moran.

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 WIA Reauthorization. A bi-partisan and bi-cameral bill was proposed two weeks ago. Fera discussed the main bullet points of the bill to the Board. If approved, the reauthorization would be in place for six years. She encouraged the Board to contact their Congressional Delegation to support the bill.

Fera presented an update on the Accelerated Training for Illinois Manufacturing Project (ATIM). We have exceeded our goal of 177. There are 178 customers enrolled in manufacturing training in the Collar Counties as of June 1st and 30 of those are employed regionwide.

The latest Fiscal Report was reviewed. This report shows expenses from July 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014. The most recent Layoff Report was also reviewed.

Fera informed the Board of a grant we received from Waste Management in the amount of \$50,000 per year for three years. The funds will be used for internships for Veterans. The funds should employ 10 to 12 Veterans each year of the grant.

Next Meeting

The next Workforce Investment Board meeting will be on August 11, 2014 at 7:30 am. The meeting location is changing and will be at the Prairie Bluff Golf Course.