

Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Location: Workforce Center of Will County
August 14, 2017 Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS								
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Nancy Baldwin	X		John Greuling	X		Pat Mudron	X	
Colleen Brooks		X	Rita Herrick	X		Jim Rink	X	
Herb Brooks	X		Carlos Interrial	X		Steve Rockwell		
Robbie Butler		X	Mark Jepson	X		Suzanne Sallay	X	
Toni Carrera		X	Kathryn Kaniewski	X		Anitarice Schmidt	X	
Jayme Cain Casimere	X		Kraig Kistingner	X		Michele Stipe	X	
Bonnie Covelli	X		Paul Lauridsen	X		Joe Strong		X
Maria Dimuzio	X		Allison Lizzadro		X	James Tromp	X	
Gloria Dollinger	X		Emilie McCallister	X		Betty Yott		X
Gregory Dover		X	Cheryl McCarthy	X				
Susan Flessner	X		Judy Mitchell	X				
Beth Gonzalez	X		Don Moran	X				
BOARD / COUNTY STAFF								
Sue Davinger	Pat Fera	Mary Gajcak	Nick Palmer	Caroline Portlock	Larry Walsh			
GUESTS								
Stacy Kregal	Amy Murphy							

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Greuling called the meeting to order. Greuling introduced new board member, Gloria Dollinger. Dollinger will represent the Will County Board, replacing Jim Moustis. The board recognized Maria DiMuzio's service on the board as she retires at the end of August.

Greuling recognized Pat Fera's seventeen years of leadership as Director of the Workforce Investment Board, honoring her as the 'North Star of workforce development'.

Minutes

Minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Herb Brooks; seconded by Sallay.

New Business

Portlock reviewed WIOA PY17 Allocations. Adult Programs receive \$1,679,212; Dislocated Worker, \$2,607,279; Youth, \$1,774,341; Total allocations, \$6,060,832. Distribution of funds was approved on a motion by Tromp, seconded by Moran.

Portlock proposed the transfer of \$250,000 from Dislocation Worker funding stream to Adult funding stream. More customers are eligible for WIOA services under the economically disadvantaged Adult criteria than Dislocated Worker criteria. Moran moved to accept the proposal; Herrick seconded. Motion carried.

Portlock presented the Graphic Design and Communications Contract with Adcomm Group, not to exceed \$40,000, for approval. The contract will go before the Will County Board on August 17th. Moran moved to approve the contract; McCarthy seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Portlock presented revisions to the WIOA Local Plan required by the Interagency Team for approval. Once approved the Plan will be submitted to the State. The finalized Plan will appear on the Will County Workforce website. The Plan was approved on a motion by Moran, seconded by DiMuzio.

One Stop Operator

Flessner reported that the first meeting of the newly formed IWIB taskforce will meet at the Workforce Center to discuss integration of services on a local level.

Flessner announced that the Illinois Department of Employment Security paid FY16 infrastructure costs of \$44,758.71. IDHS TANF and Vocational Rehab remain outstanding. Flessner recognized DiMuzio's efforts in making the one-stop partnership with IDES happen.

System and Trends Committee Report

Sallay presented the PY16 Service Utilization Report. FY 17 reports will include the monthly unemployment rate and the percentage of services received in each program.

Sallay recommended the reduction of allocations for PY17 to the Incumbent Worker program to \$351,983. Funding can be increased on an as-needed basis. New allocations were approved on a motion by Moran, seconded by DiMuzio.

Flessner reported that the On-the-Job Training program has begun PY17 well. In the first two months, there have been 11 placements, and 4 are pending. Stacy Kregel from Employer and Employment Services is now heading up the program. New staff will be hired soon.

Director's Report

Fera reviewed the results of the Will County Community Friendly Freight Mobility Plan. Will County and Center for Economic Development commissioned a freight study including the movement of freight and truck patterns. A workforce component was added to the plan. Workforce recommendations include: creation of a core partnership of TDL businesses to increase collaboration and address common issues; raising awareness of the TDL industry through partnerships with high schools, community colleges and other workforce training programs; increase awareness of key programs and partnerships that prepare TDL workforce; create better quality jobs within the TDL industry with opportunity for wage growth and career mobility; improve access between population centers and TDL employment centers.

Public Comment – none

The next meeting of the Workforce Investment Board will be Monday, October 16th (NOTE: this is the third Monday), 7:30 a.m. at the Workforce Center of Will County.