

System and Trends Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Location: Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet
July 18, 2018

Minutes

Committee Members:					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Bonnie Covelli	X		Don Moran		X
Susan Flessner	X		Jim Rink		X
Augie Fuentes		X	Suzanne Sallay		X
Beth Gonzalez	X		Anitarice Schmidt		X
Rita Herrick	X		Michele Smith	X	
Carlos Interrial	X		Michele Stipe		X
Kraig Kistingner	X		Jim Tromp	X	
Others present:					
Sue Davinger	Mary Gajcak		Caroline Portlock		

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Herrick called the meeting to order. Minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Kistingner, seconded by Flessner.

Workforce Center

Herrick reviewed the PY17 System Utilization Report through May 2018. Additional services offered at the WCWC are bringing additional awareness of services and foot traffic through the center.

Portlock reported that the inaugural Employer Workshop took place on June 21st at the WCWC. While attendance was disappointing, attendee response was very positive.

WCWC sponsored a Job Fair in Eastern Will County, to serve local residents and businesses an opportunity to participate. Sixteen businesses and 52 job seekers attended. The event was promoted on social media as well as email blasts.

Program Certification

Herrick presented three new certification programs submitted by Governor State University. The Committee approved the Phlebotomy Technician Course and the Pharmacy Technician Course on a motion from Interrial, seconded by Gonzalez.

After careful consideration and much discussion, it was determined that there was not enough information that the training would lead to employment. As such, Kistingner moved to reject the application for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Operations, seconded by Interrial.

Business Services

The committee reviewed the OJT report. Things have begun to move in a positive direction, with programmatic goals being met and exceeded by E&ES in PY17.

Portlock presented the proposed PY18 IW budget at \$250,000. If, based on demand, more funding is needed going forward, money may be transferred into the program in the future. Tromp moved to send this allocation recommendation to the board for approval; Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried.

Gajcak presented two grant applications for approval:

1. Pollmann North America has applied for \$11,500 to train 18 employees. They will provide a 25% match. Gajcak remarked that the application was excellent, and meets the mission of the IWT program well. Gonzales moved to approve Pollmann North America's application. Interrial seconded. Motion carried.
2. Borowski Race Engines, of Rockdale, IL, applied for \$19,150 towards the very specialized training of five employees over a period of three trainings. Kistingner moved to approve application for Borowski Race Engines; Smith seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2018 at 7:30 am at the WCWC.