

Workforce Investment Board of Will County

Location: Workforce Center of Will County

December 10, 2018 Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS								
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Tracy Ardis	X		Beth Gonzalez	X		Pat Mudron	X	
Nancy Baldwin	X		John Greuling	X		Steve Randich	X	
Herb Brooks	X		Rita Herrick	X		Jim Rink	X	
Jayne Cain Casimere	X		Carlos Interrial	X		Suzanne Sallay		X
Rocky Caylor		X	Mary Jaworski	X		Anitarice Schmidt		X
David Conterio	X		Kraig Kistingner	X		Michele Smith	X	
Bonnie Covelli		X	James Knauf		X	Michele Stipe		X
Joe Del Real	X		Paul Lauridsen	X		Ben Stortz		X
Gloria Dollinger	X		Cheryl McCarthy		X	Joe Strong		X
Susan Flessner	X		Judy Mitchell	X		James Tromp	X	
Augie Fuentes		X	Don Moran		X			
STAFF								
Sue Davinger	Mary Gajcak		Caroline Portlock					
GUESTS								
Pat Fera	Stacy Kregel		Monica Lowe		Amy Murphy		Nick Palmer	

Welcome and Introductions –Chair Baldwin called the meeting to order.

Minutes - Minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Brooks; seconded by Mitchell.

Old Business

Professional Services Consultant: Pat Fera of Fera Consulting Group presented an overview of progress made to date by the Business Services consortium, and gave detailed recommendations for future growth and cohesion. Recommendations and next steps were discussed.

MOU Budget Negotiations PY19: Baldwin announced that PY19 MOU Budget Negotiations will begin in January. She will serve as the negotiator for the Board.

Reports/Committee Updates:

One-Stop Operator:

Workforce Center Report:

- Flessner reported that Facebook Live streaming has been streaming workshops from the Workforce Center to the Mobile Workforce Center. The first IDES Workshop has also been streamed, and was viewed by 348 viewers. The 'Master Your Job Search' has had 546 views. The goal is to stream all workshops.
- Another Eastern Will County job fair was held on November 7th. On March 6th, a job fair is scheduled for the Romeoville Athletic Center. The goal is to hold off-site job fairs at least once per quarter.

Workforce Center Service Utilization Report:

Although unemployment numbers are down nearly one percent from PY17, total services have continued to be consistent. Increases in on-line job searches, job fairs, and Joliet Junior College services have increased. Working to incorporate the workshops (on-line viewing) to the report.

Communications Committee:

Business Services Report:

The team has been meeting to learn more about the services available through each organization and to further define outreach

Service Analysis Report:

The PY17 Service Analysis Report is available on the WIB website, and will be sent to the Will County Board and elected officials in hard-copy form.

System and Trends Committee: Herrick reviewed the following reports available in the packet:

- Incumbent Worker Training – Employee Training Grants
- On-the Job Training

Youth Council: Portlock gave an overview of the Connect to Your Future reports in packet. It was also noted that Cheryl McCarthy will retire in June 2019. Susan Flessner will become co-chair of the Youth Council at that time.

Director's Report:

Portlock reviewed the 2019 Meeting Schedule. She noted that the Communications Committee and Youth Council have moved to quarterly meetings.

Regional Grants Update:

- Illinois Tollway Grant, held by Chicago-Cook Workforce. This grant will focus on training and preparing job seekers from under represented populations to receive skilled trade apprenticeships/jobs.
- DCEO Regional "Innovation" Grant to lay the groundwork to improve services to the TDL sector. This grant is designed to benefit employees and job seekers.
- The Apprenticeship Expansion Navigator grant - Metro-Chicago Workforce will receive funding for two 'Apprenticeship Navigators' as technical experts on apprenticeships in the region. The Navigators will work with the business services team and employers to expand apprenticeship programs.
- TDL Industry Sector Initiative, an employer-driven project that will create a way for TDL employers to come together and address what matters to them as an industry. Rocky Caylor, and Grailing Jones have been identified as the Business Champions for this initiative.

Board Discussion In addition to member updates and announcements, the board discussed initiatives/ideas around the question – what are we doing to figure out where the jobs will be? Ideas around engaging with employers, high schools and higher ed, as well as industry associations.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Workforce Investment Board will be Monday, February 11, 2019, 7:30 a.m. at the Workforce Center of Will County.