

**Executive Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center
214 N. Ottawa Street, Room 424, Joliet, IL 60432**

**October 6, 2014
Minutes**

BOARD MEMBERS					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Greg Dover		X	Cheryl McCarthy	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Don Moran	X	
John Greuling	X		Suzanne Sallay	X	
Mark Jepson		X	Jim Tromp	X	

Others Present: Pat Fera, Gina Tuminello

Welcome and Introductions

Jim Tromp called the meeting to order. The minutes from the July 28, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Susan Flessner, seconded by Suzanne Sallay.

New Business

Fera provided an overview of a regional project, Job Driven NEG Grant. The State awarded \$1.3 million 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. A subcontractor, TEC Services was selected to deliver the program on behalf of the region. The Committee accepted the awards on a motion by Cheryl McCarthy, seconded by Don Moran. It was also approved on a motion by Suzanne Sallay, seconded by John Greuling to award grant funds to TEC Services to implement the project.

Susan Flessner provided a proposal to the Committee to move forward with the purchase of a new workforce mobile van. The current mobile workforce van is 10 years old and needs several repairs. The proposal was approved on a motion by Cheryl McCarthy, seconded by Suzanne Sallay.

Fera informed the Committee of a Work Based Learning pilot project that will expand opportunities and services for customers that may not want to go back to school. The project will begin with a pilot of \$100,000 that will start now and end June 30, 2015. A detailed project plan will be provided at the next meeting. The funding will pay for internships for wages not less than \$12.00 an hour. The project was approved on a motion by John Greuling, seconded by Don Moran.

Old Business

Fera provided an overview of the implications of the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA). She plans on providing U.S. Department of Labor with comments for development of regulations as they develop and before they are issued in draft form. She will also be checking current policies to assure they are in line with the new regulations.

Fera informed the Committee that the 2014 Youth Provider Summit is Thursday, October 9th at the Romeoville Village Hall. There are 60 people registered for the event.

System and Trends Committee

Associated Builders & Contractors requested to add their Apprenticeship Welding program to the Illinois State Provider Certification list. The program met the minimum requirements and was recommended to be added to the State list. Advantage Driver Training requested recertification to their Truck Driving Training (CDL) program. The program now offers up to 240 hours of driving. Both recommendations were approved on a motion by John Greuling, seconded by Cheryl McCarthy. No vote by Don Moran.

A change to the Career Scholarship policy is being recommended. New language is being added to allow customers to be eligible for a scholarship if they were laid off from an occupation which they were employed in for at least 12 months in the previous two years. This recommendation was approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Cheryl McCarthy.

Fera distributed the PY13 Service Analysis Report. This report is a year in review of the services offered by the Workforce System. The report will be distributed to Workforce Investment Board, County Board, Legislators, and township officials.

The Dashboard Overview Report was presented by Fera. 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.

Managers' Report

Fera gave an update on the Accelerated Training for Illinois Manufacturing Project (ATIM). She noted that the Region has exceeded the goal of 177 customers enrolled in the program. There are 212 customers enrolled in manufacturing training in the Collar Counties as of today. 65 participants have jobs already.

Fera informed the Committee of *Accessible Will County*, a campaign led by the Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living. Increased housing options, more public transportation within the county, and widespread accessibility in public accommodations are some of the issues facing people with disabilities. The Alliance is asking for the Workforce Investment Board to support the initiative.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:30 am at the JJC Renaissance Center, 214 N. Ottawa Street, Room 424, Joliet, IL