

**Executive Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center
214 N. Ottawa Street, Room 519, Joliet, IL 60432**

**June 4, 2012
Minutes**

BOARD MEMBERS					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Greg Dover	X		Mark Jepson	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Pat Mudron		X
John Greuling		X	Jim Tromp		X

Others Present: Pat Fera

Welcome and Introductions

Greg Dover called the meeting to order. The minutes from the April 9, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Jepson, seconded by Susan Flessner.

New Business

Pat Fera reported that the State of Illinois has a new loan/venture capital fund for small businesses called Advantage Illinois. Michelle Michals from DCEO will do a short presentation on the program at the next Workforce Investment Board meeting.

System and Trends Committee

The System and Trends Committee recommended two new programs be added to the Illinois Provider Certification list: Governors State University: Computer Networking Certificate and Joliet Junior College: Criminal Justice – Associates Degree. The System and Trends Committee recommended rejecting the On-Line Teaching Certification program from Governors State University because the occupation related to this training does not appear on the Demand Occupation list for NE Illinois Economic Development Region as required by DCEO. The recommendations of the System and Trends Committee were approved on a motion by Susan Flessner, seconded by Mark Jepson.

Fera noted that every year all approved programs on the Illinois Provider Certification List need to be reviewed for annual recertification. This was done at the last Workforce Investment Board meeting however the day after the meeting JJC had a tuition hike which triggered the requirement for another recertification. Fera reviewed the JJC programs again and provided a management letter recommending recertification of the 86 JJC programs that met policy criteria and appear on the DCEO Demand Occupation List for Northeast Economic Development Region. The recommended programs were approved on a motion by Mark Jepson, seconded by Susan Flessner.

The System and Trends Committee recommended a change to the Career Scholarship Value Policy to read "Career Scholarship value shall be \$10,000 per year (or program, whichever is shorter) for training in Information Technology, Manufacturing, Truck Driving, and Welding. Review of previous performance measures has shown that training in these occupations produces better outcomes in both employment and wages. A cap of \$5,000 per year (or program, whichever is shorter) will remain in place for all other programs." This change was approved on a motion by Mark Jepson, seconded by Susan Flessner.

Fera provided the Executive Committee with information on the next steps of the Workforce Analysis project.

Youth Council

The Youth Provider Networking Summit was held on April 27, 2012 in partnership with the Will County MAPP (Mobilizing Action for Planning and Partnerships). A summary of the event and the evaluations was provided.

Manager's Report

The April fiscal report was distributed and Fera discussed the strategic planning process for 2013-2014.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, July 30, 2012 at 7:30am at the JJC Renaissance Center, 214 N. Ottawa Street, Room 424, Joliet, IL.