

**System and Trends Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
January 8, 2014
Location: Joliet Junior College, Renaissance Center,
214 N. Ottawa St, Joliet, Room 519**

Minutes

System and Trends Committee					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Jayne Cain Casimere		X	Pete McLenighan	X	
Susan Flessner		X	Don Moran	X	
Cornell Graves		X	Pat Mudron	X	
John Greuling	X		Jim Rink		X
Rita Herrick		X	Suzanne Sallay	X	
Lou Dawn Howard		X	Gayle Stricklin		X
Carlos Interrial	X		Jim Tromp		X
Mark Jepson	X		Paige Vanderhyden		X
Emilie McCallister		X	Betty Yott		X

Others Present: Jami Boyd, Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, John Skaggs, Gina Tuminello

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Suzanne Sallay called the meeting to order. The minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Pete McLenighan.

Program Certification

Governors State University (GSU) submitted two programs for consideration to be added to the Illinois State Provider Certification list: Energy Auditor and Weatherization Technician. Both programs are provided in an online fashion and have no classroom component. The local WIB policy states that programs that are completely online will not be approved. The staff recommendation was to reject both programs. The recommendation was approved on a motion by Pete McLenighan, seconded by Don Moran. Additional information from other workforce areas will be reviewed and possible modification to the policy may be recommended.

Accelerated Training for Illinois Manufacturing Grant

Fera gave an update on the manufacturing grant. There are currently 27 people enrolled in the treatment group and an additional 21 in the control group. The target enrollment is 177 participants for the entire region. 555 people have already applied for the grant in the collar counties.

2014 Action Plan

Pat Fera gave a breakdown of the next steps of the Workforce Analysis project. The Committee begin by looking at the workforce side of the analysis, the people that work

in Will County. The Committee identified the five major industry sectors to explore in more detail. Those sectors are: Healthcare and Social Assistance, Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade/Transportation and Warehousing, Administrative & Support, and Professional/Scientific/Technical Services. The committee will examine these five sectors with respect to their employment growth, occupational make-up, and training needs. Fera will bring back data on these industry sectors to the next committee meeting in March.

Dashboard Reports

The Committee reviewed the most recent Dashboard Report. This report gives a snapshot of customers served, dollars spent on training by industry sector, job growth and unemployment rates. The Committee also reviewed the December Job Openings report. Fera noted that reports are also on our website.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 7:30am at Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center, 214 N. Ottawa Street, Room 519, Joliet.