

**System and Trends Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
May 9, 2012
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
Mark Jepson		X	Jim Tromp	X	
Dan Kreidler		X	Paige Vanderhyden	X	
Emilie McCallister	X		Betty Yott		X

Others Present: Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, Gina Tuminello

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Pat Fera called the meeting to order. The minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Susan Flessner, seconded by Rita Herrick.

Program Certification

One new program was submitted by Joliet Junior College for consideration to be added to the Illinois Provider Certification list: Criminal Justice Professional Degree AAS. This program was approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Pete McLenighan. Paige Vanderhyden and Emily McCallister abstained.

Program Recertification

At the April Workforce Investment Board meeting, the Board approved all programs for recertification for an additional year. There has been a tuition increase at Joliet Junior College which impacts 86 programs since that meeting and these programs need to be recertified with the new tuition costs. Pat Fera reviewed the program information and recommended all 86 programs to be recertified for an additional year. This was approved on a motion by Jim Tromp, seconded by Don Moran. Paige Vanderhyden, and Emily McCallister abstained.

Career Scholarship Policy

The current value of the Career Scholarship is set at \$5,000 per year. It was recommended to change the career scholarship value to \$10,000 per year or program, whichever is shorter for training in Information Technology, Manufacturing, Truck

Driving, and Welding, and \$5,000 per year or program, whichever is shorter for all other training. This recommendation was approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Paige Vanderhyden.

Analysis of Public Workforce Development Resources

Pat Fera distributed the report: *An analysis of Public Workforce Development Resources* for Will County. This report outlines where workforce funding is directed in Will County. This information in this report can be used to get understand more detail about funding and outcomes on the programs that exist in Will County but are not affiliated with WIA. The ultimate goal is to identify more efficient use of limited and shrinking workforce dollars.

Workforce Analysis

Fera gave an update on the Workforce Analysis project. The next step is to conduct an employer survey about hiring and employment needs in the Manufacturing and Logistics industry sectors. Fera is working on identifying an organization to assist with the survey development and data collection. With respect to the Healthcare sector, an economic impact analysis will be conducted to analyze the broad Healthcare/Biomed Cluster. Fera distributed sample economic impact analysis reports for the Committee to review.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 7:30am at Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center, 214 N. Ottawa Street, Room 519, Joliet.