

**System and Trends Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
November 13, 2013
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		Don Moran	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Pat Mudron		X
Cornell Graves		X	Guadalupe Preston		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
Pete McLenighan	X				

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

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

John Greuling called the meeting to order. The minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Suzanne Sallay, seconded by Susan Flessner.

Strategic Plan – 2014-2015

The committee reviewed the current Action Plan for this committee. Pat Fera gave a summary of the action items in the current plan, and the group updated and made changes. Fera will incorporate the changes into the action plan and distribute out for review.

Fera informed the Committee about a new Return On Investment project. The purpose of this project is to conduct an analysis of the Workforce Investment Act funds and outcomes in the State of Illinois as a whole and in each of the 23 local Workforce Investment Areas. The Illinois Workforce Partnership solicited bids to conduct the program analysis necessary to measure, analyze and better communicate the outcomes of WIA programs. Two bids were received. The cost would be around \$6,000 per workforce area.

Demand Occupation List

Fera introduced the Demand Occupation List for the Chicago Cook Workforce partnerships. She is looking to move to this model. Their model includes a one-page

overview sheets that provides customers with wage and growth data, job duties, and education requirements for each of the demand occupations in the area.

Service Analysis Report PY12 – Final

The committee reviewed the Service Analysis Report for PY12. The Service Analysis Report gives an entire fiscal-year review of the services offered to customers and businesses in Will County. Fera will review and make some minor changes to the report before bringing it to the Workforce Investment Board meeting in October. This report will then be distributed to local elected officials and posted on our website.

Accelerated Training for Illinois Manufacturing Grant

Fera gave an update on the manufacturing grant. There were five grants awarded in the state of Illinois. Currently our region has 30 enrolled. The enrollment target is 177. We have had 480 people apply for the grant this far.

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 October Job Openings report. These reports are also on our website.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 7:30am at Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center, 214 N. Ottawa Street, Room 519, Joliet.