

System and Trends Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Location: Joliet Junior College, Renaissance Center,
214 N. Ottawa St, Joliet, Room 519
September 10, 2014

Minutes

System and Trends Committee					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Jayme Cain Casimere		X	Don Moran	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Pat Mudron	X	
John Greuling	X		Jim Rink		X
Rita Herrick		X	Suzanne Sallay	X	
Carlos Interrial		X	Anika Todd		X
Mark Jepson		X	Jim Tromp	X	
Emilie McCallister	X		Paige Vanderhyden	X	
Pete McLenighan	X		Betty Yott		X

Others Present: Pat Fera, Mary Gajcak, Gina Tuminello

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Suzanne Sallay called the meeting to order. The minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by Emilie McCallister.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Pat Fera reviewed the highlights of the new act. Most of the act goes into effect on July 1, 2015, with the remainder July 1, 2016. We will be strategizing the policy changes and making changes to the structure and kind of services offered to agree with the new act.

Career Scholarship Policy Revision

The Career Scholarship Policy was reviewed. A revision to the policy was presented. The current policy allows customers one Career Scholarships in a lifetime. The new language will state that an exception to this lifetime limit will be made for customers who have been laid off from an occupation which they were employed in for at least 12 months in the previous two years. The revision was approved on a motion by Don Moran, seconded by John Greuling.

Service Analysis Report PY13-Final

The Service Analysis Report is an overview of the services provided to customers and businesses. The Committee reviewed the final report. The report will go to the Board meeting in October and distributed out to Federal and local government officials. The report will also be sent to municipalities that had the largest number of customers use the Workforce System. The report will also be posted on our website.

Career Scholarship Report PY13

The Career Scholarship Report is an overview of Career Scholarships in PY13. This report is a breakdown of training dollars, book costs, tests, and uniforms by institution, program, and industry sector. The report also gives a recap of customers that exit the program and whether or not they exit with a job. The report will be posted on our website.

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 most current Job Openings report.

Walmart "Buy American" Initiative

Pat Fera informed the Committee of an initiative Walmart has committed to do. Walmart pledges to buy an additional \$250 billion in American products over the next ten years. That means that by 2013 Walmart will sell 15% more American made products than they do today. Fera went to a summit in Denver to learn more about the initiative. Fera met with several employers looking to relocate to Illinois. This could create jobs in areas such as manufacturing and industrial engineering, shipping and transportation, and several other industry sectors.

Long Term Unemployment Event

Fera mentioned that we had an event geared toward the long-term unemployed; who are they and what can we do to help them find jobs. Consultant Melanie Arthur put together some best practices for recruiting and hiring the long-term unemployed.

Next Meeting

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