

System and Trends Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Location: Workforce Center of Will County
 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet
March 21, 2018

Minutes

Committee Members:					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Nancy Baldwin	X		Kraig Kistingner	X	
Bonnie Covelli	X		Don Moran	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Jim Rink		X
Augie Fuentes		X	Suzanne Sallay	X	
Beth Gonzalez	X		Anitarice Schmidt		X
Rita Herrick	X		Michele Smith	X	
Carlos Interrial	X		Michele Stipe	X	
Kathryn Kaniewski		X	Jim Tromp	X	
Others present:					
Sue Davinger	Mary Gajcak		Caroline Portlock		

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Herrick called the meeting to order. Minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Moran, seconded by Tromp.

Workforce Center

Portlock presented the Service Utilization Report. Service usage remains strong. Portlock noted that orientations, the mobile workforce unit, and job fairs are making client services numbers strong. The unemployment rate for January 2018 was 6.1%, even with the unemployment rate for January 2017.

Core Partners met twice to negotiate FY2018 budget. The revised budget will be sent to all partners for signature; it must be delivered to the State no later than April 15th. IDES will install a phone at the Workforce Center for customers with unemployment questions.

Business Services

On-the-Job Training Program has delivered strong outreach efforts in FY17 to date. They have accomplished 87.5% of the goal to enroll new participants in OJT (35 enrolled against annual goal of 40). E&ES is now fully staffed, resulting in an upswing in performance from a year ago.

Gajcak presented two companies' applications for funding through the Training Grants Program for Incumbent Workers:

1. CTO Enterprises a small company in Mokena will train 14 of their 15 staff in 5S+1 Training, and Inventory Control Methods. Training costs are \$752 per employee (\$10,530 total grant request). Sallay moved to approve funding. Kistingner seconded. Motion carried.
2. Nanophase Technologies Corporation submitted application for \$19,500 to train staff on systems improvements for large projects to expand market share. A certificate of completion will be given. The application will be sent on to Executive Committee for vote, as not all information was available on the application.

The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2018 at 7:30 am at the WCWC.