

Communications Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Location: Workforce Center of Will County
 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet
May 7, 2018
Minutes

Committee Members:					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Nancy Baldwin		X	Carlos Interrial	X	
Jayme Cain Casimere	X		Paul Lauridsen	X	
Greg Dover*		X	Don Moran	X	
Susan Flessner		X	Pat Mudron*	X	
Beth Gonzalez	X		Joe Strong		X
Others present:					
Susan Davinger	Mary Gajcak		Caroline Portlock		

Welcome

Pat Mudron called the meeting to order.

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Minutes of September 14, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Interrial, seconded by Lauridsen.

Communication Committee Materials

Portlock passed a draft of a Business Services Information Manual to be used in the presentation and marketing of all Business Services offered at the WCWC One-Stop Center.

Portlock delivered the ROI Report, spanning PY14 through PY16. Using actual employment and wage information from IWDS, the return on investment in Will County is \$2.78 for every dollar invested in Workforce Services.

Employer Workshops

The WCWC will host a workshop that will allow all service agencies that benefit Will County businesses to present their programs directly to business representatives. The goal is to attract about 40 businesses. This workshop will be repeated on a regular basis. Will County Workforce agencies that serve businesses include IDES, Incumbent Worker Program, OJT, JJC, etc.

Apprenticeships will be the focus of upcoming workforce regional efforts. Dates for the 2018 'Apprenticeship Week' have not yet been determined. DCEO is looking for an increase in apprenticeships in the high-growth, high-demand TDL industry. WIB will work closely with other regional workforce areas, including Champaign County, to define an apprenticeship program for this region. Business Services Consultant, Pat Fera, has applied for the 'Talent Pipeline' grant through DCEO to use for apprenticeships. Using a blend State, Local, and WIOA federal dollars, WIB will develop a best-practices formula for apprenticeships.

Communications Committee meeting dates have been moved to Mondays at the request of members. The remaining 2018 schedule is: July 9th and September 10th. There will be no November meeting due to Holiday.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2018 at 7:30 am at the Workforce Services Division of Will County offices, 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet.