

System and Trends Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Location: Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet
May 16, 2018

Minutes

Committee Members:					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Bonnie Covelli	X		Kraig Kistingner	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Don Moran		X
Augie Fuentes		X	Jim Rink		X
Beth Gonzalez	X		Suzanne Sallay	X	
Rita Herrick	X		Anitarice Schmidt		X
Carlos Interrial	X		Michele Smith	X	
Kathryn Kaniewski		X	Michele Stipe		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 March 21, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Sallay, seconded by Flessner.

Program Certification

Herrick explained the process of Program Certification and subsequent Recertification. Eleven entities submitted programs for recertification. Sallay moved to recertify programs as presented. Interrial seconded. Smith, Covelli and Herrick abstained. Motion carried.

Herrick presented two new entities and their programs for certification: George E. Booth Company, with 16 mechanical and industrial engineering courses, and Med Certs, with on-line training in the medical field. University of St. Francis submitted 10 new programs including logistics, transportation and management training for approval. Interrial moved to approve programs as presented. Kistingner seconded. Covelli abstained. Motion carried.

Workforce Center

Portlock distributed the Service Utilization Report through April. Flessner reported that customer satisfaction surveys have returned very positive reviews of WCWC services.

MOU - Core Partners have not been able to complete FY18 budget negotiations due to resistance from Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). The State of Illinois will now intervene. If there is no agreement after State intervention, the issue will be sent to the Governor's office.

Business Services

The committee reviewed the OJT and IWT reports.

Gajcak presented two IWT grant applications:

1. Stepan will use funding to prepare for a number of retirements that will occur over the next few years. They have applied for \$19,500 to train nine employees in the Manufacturing Sector.
2. Therafin Corporation has applied for \$4,950 to train three employees.

Motion to approve funding of both these trainings was made by Sallay, seconded by Kistingner. Motion carried.

Portlock invited the Committee to attend a Business Services Workshop June 21st at the Workforce Center. IDES, Joliet Junior College, Workforce Investment Board and Workforce Services will present.

Portlock called attention to three reports that are available on the WIB website regularly. The Economic Update, ROI report, and the Illinois Unemployment Rate by County map each provide valuable information for businesses in Will County.

The next meeting will be held on July 18, 2018 at 7:30 am at the WCWC.