

Executive Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Workforce Center of Will County
 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435
April 1, 2019

Minutes

Executive Committee Members					
<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Nancy Baldwin	X		Don Moran	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Pat Mudron	X	
John Greuling	X		Suzanne Sallay		X
Rita Herrick	X		Michele Stipe	X	
Cheryl McCarthy		X	Jim Tromp	X	
Judy Mitchell		X			
Others					
Sue Davinger	Mary Gajcak		Caroline Portlock		

Welcome

Chair Baldwin called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Minutes of the February 4, 2019 were approved on a motion by Tromp, seconded by Flessner.

Workforce Center

One-Stop Operator Report - Flessner

Flessner reported that the first evening job fair that took place on February 20th was attended by ten businesses and 47 job seekers. 24 job seekers were first time attendees. The next evening job fair is scheduled for April 18th at the Workforce Center. Evening job fairs will be scheduled quarterly with the possibility of monthly evening fairs depending on future interests.

The Business Services staff hosted an offsite job fair on March 6th in partnership with the Village of Romeoville and the Romeoville Chamber of Commerce. 40 businesses were in attendance and 259 job seekers attended. Edward Hospital Athletic and Event Center was an excellent location for the fair. The next offsite job fair will be April 7th at the Wilmington Island Park District.

209-2020 MOU Report

Portlock reported that the MOU has progressed according to plan.. Signatures have been received from the Will County Board and Workforce Investment Board for Title I funding (Workforce Services). All entities are expected to voice agreement before the reporting deadline of April 15th, and all signed paperwork is due to the State by June 2nd.

Committee Reports

Communications Committee: Mudron

- The Business Services Team held the first webinar-based workshop on March 19th. There were 21 attendees, including ten businesses. Three to four business services workshops are planned per year.

System and Trends Committee: Portlock

- *On-the-Job Training:* Herrick gave the report, noting clarification for eligibility now added to the report. Twelve new employers were contacted in February, bringing the total in PY18 to-date to 71. 5 new OJT's are scheduled to begin in March.
- *Incumbent Worker Training:* Wesco Machine and Tool, Inc. was approved to receive training at the System and Trends meeting; their training began on April 1st. \$79,515 has been obligated PY to-date; fund balance remaining is \$160,485.
- *\$10,000 of Incumbent Worker Program monies was allocated towards the Talent Pipeline Grant, held by TEC Services, and in cooperation with the Workforce Partners of Metro-Chicago.* This Grant provides training for companies that span across more than one county in the region. The Ford Corporation has been approved to train and certify mechanics, which includes three dealerships in Will County. UPS and another company are identified to take advantage of the grant soon.

Youth Council: Stipe

- Stipe shared the success that her company had with Active-Shooter Training taught by Hawkeye Security. She recommended the training for other companies to use.

Director's Report

- *Will / Cook TDL Partnership:* The first meeting of the Will/Cook TDL Partnership took place at Cadence, and was well attended. All but one company was from Will County. Attendees found the meeting to be useful, and have expressed an interest in going forward with forming a group. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9th. Location will be announced.
- *Regional Grants:*
 - *Apprenticeship Navigator Grant:* DCEO has awarded \$400k to be used between January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 to target the Healthcare, Manufacturing, TDS and IT (as it relates to the three sectors named). Nic Zito has been hired from DuPage to represent our area. Mr. Zito will be introduced at a future WIB meeting.
 - *Tollway Grant (Formerly 'Construction Workers Grant'):* \$63k has been allocated over a three year period to identify and prepare people from under-represented populations for work within highway construction trades.

Next meeting of the Executive Committee will be June 3, 2019; 7:30 am at the Workforce Center of Will County.