

System and Trends Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Location: Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet
November 20, 2019

Minutes

Committee Members:					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Nancy Baldwin		X	Damien McDonald	X	
Susan Flessner	X		Suzanne Sallay		X
Beth Gonzalez	X		Anitarice Schmidt		X
Rita Herrick	X		Michele Smith	X	
Carlos Interrial	X		Jim Tromp	X	
Kraig Kistingner	X				
Others present:					
Susan Davinger	Mary Gajcak		Caroline Portlock		

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Minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Kistingner, seconded by Gonzalez.

Workforce Center - Flessner

Job Fairs:

- October 16th – An Off-site Job Fair in Wilmington specifically for the TDL industry was attended by 17 businesses and 24 job seekers.
- November 6th – In Frankfort Township, 18 businesses and 41 job seekers attended.
- On-site job fairs will be held every other week beginning in January (rather than weekly), as attendance has slowed down.
- A virtual Business Services Seminar will take place on December 10th.

Business Services:

- The entire Will County Business Services Team completed the Certified Business Engagement Professional (CBEP) training.
- Customer Service Training took place on Friday, November 15th, presented by Goodwill Industries. Another training is pending for Spring/Summer 2020.
- IDES CMS presented a State Jobs Workshop at the WCWC on Tuesday, November 19th from 6-8:00 pm. 58 job seekers attended. This workshop will be repeated on December 5th during working hours.

On-the-Job Training Report

Nine new participants enrolled in OJT in October, and 12 new employers were contacted. There are currently 85 OJT openings.

Incumbent Worker/Training Grants Program:

Due to a reduction in funding for PY19 and a greater demand for Career Scholarships services, Portlock recommended that the Incumbent Worker Training spending be reduced to \$125,000 for PY19. Both Incumbent Worker and Career Scholarships will be monitored carefully to see that the remaining \$100k is available on either side where need demands.

New Program Certification

Joliet Junior College presented a change in tuition to the already approved 'Professional Medical Coding and Billing Online Training' program. The tuition change was approved on a motion by Kistingner, seconded by Interrial; Smith abstained.

Demand Occupations List for 2020

Portlock proposed the 2020-2021 Demand Occupations List for Will County based on criteria set forth by the State of Illinois. Tromp motioned to recommend changes as proposed to the Workforce Investment Board; Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

The committee agreed to change their meeting date due to other meeting conflicts – meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesdays. The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2020 at 7:30 am at the WCWC.