

System and Trends Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
 Location: Workforce Center of Will County, 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet
January 8, 2020

Minutes

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

Welcome

Herrick welcomed Interrial to the co-chair position.

Minutes

Minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Tromp, seconded by Flessner.

Workforce Center - Flessner

- A Business Services Webinar took place December 10th with 22 businesses in attendance. The next Business Services Webinar will also allow on-site attendance and will take place in June.
- Department of Labor issued an \$854,000 grant for the employment of five recovery coaches, trained at Governors State University, to work in the field. Solid Ground, Stepping Stones, Cornerstone Services, and Will-Grundy Medical are some of the organizations that will utilize the services of the recovery coaches. The primary focus of the grant is the work being done in the community.

Service Utilization Report

Portlock will be looking into other workforce areas to see their reporting practices to glean whether any changes should be made to the Will County Utilization Report. In the first half of PY19, 8,251 total services were utilized, and 3,685 unique customers made 6,744 total visits to the WCWC. With the streaming of workshops on Facebook Live, many clients/online viewers are not being counted as customers in G*Stars.

Business Services

On-the-Job Training Report

Fifteen new participants have been enrolled in OJT during the first two quarters of PY19, and 62 new employers have been contacted. There are currently 80 OJT openings. Portlock will ask Larry Fitzpatrick to attend a future System and Trends Committee meeting to discuss what challenges to participation are being met, and to see what WIB can do to help meet those challenges.

Incumbent Worker/Training Grants Program:

Gajcak reviewed Training Grants progress to date and submitted an application for Stepan to receive \$10,750 to train seven employees. Kistingner motioned to recommend Stepan to WIB for funding; McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

New Program Certification

Governors State University submitted new online programs for consideration for the IWDS State List. Kistingner motioned to approve Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool Programmers, Front End Web Developer, Full Stack Software Developer and Purchasing Certified Administrative Professional with Microsoft Office and Supply Chain Management for Board consideration, and to reject the following submissions: Residential Electrician on the grounds that it does not clearly lead to Illinois State licensing, and therefore it does not clearly lead to job placement in Illinois; and OMCA Content Marketing Associate on the grounds that the O*Net code provided does not appear on the Will County list of Demand Occupations, and also does not meet minimum entry wage requirements. Motion was seconded by Sallay. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the System and Trends Committee is March 11, 2020 at the Workforce Center.