

**System and Trends Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
July 14, 2021**

Minutes

Committee Members:					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Rocky Caylor		X	Mike Paone		
Beth Gonzalez	X		Josh Potter	X	
Maribeth Hearn	X		Jim Rink	X	
Rita Herrick	X		Suzanne Sallay		X
Carlos Interrial	X		Michele Smith	X	
Kraig Kistingner	X		Michelle Stiff	X	
Cornell Lurry	X		Jim Tromp	X	
Damien McDonald		X			
Others present:					
Susan Davinger	Mary Gajcak		Caroline Portlock		

Per the Governor's Executive Order, this meeting was held virtually using Webex platform.

Welcome

Co-Chair Carlos Interrial called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting was approved on a motion by Gonzalez and seconded by Kistingner. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Workforce Center - Stiff

- Unemployment in Will County stands at 6.9%. Stiff is evaluating use of the Mobile Workforce Center to target areas with highest unemployment rates by township
- Foot traffic was consistent in May and June
- University Park Job Fair was successful. Upcoming Job Fairs: August 6th with Rep Robin Kelly, and August 14th in Wilmington
- Workforce Center will host a Resource Fair on August 3rd from 10am to 2pm at the Workforce Center. Food Trucks and Tents will be funded with Will County ARP funds. Companies interviewing will be housed inside the WCWC; all other presenters will be in the parking lot.
- Job Fair in a Bag will continue weekly

Demand Occupations Update

Portlock reported that the Illinois WIOA Board has approved changes to the Demand Occupations List. The list will now be statewide as opposed to local. Three demand occupations critical to Will County have been removed; Our local area, along with GLK WIB will petition for TDL Supervisors and Managers, Petro Chemical Systems Operator, and Secretaries/Administrators to be reinstated to the State list.

Programs/Reports

Training Programs

- Portlock presented 18 submissions for addition to the State List from Governors State University. Kistingner motioned to recommend all to WIB for approval: Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
.Motion to approve programs submitted for recertification by Genesis Healthcare, and to remove two programs as requested by Governors State University, was made by Gonzalez, seconded by Stiff. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

On-the-Job Training Report – the Year End PY21 OJT report was reviewed.

Emergency (1E) Assistance Layoff Aversion Grant – Portlock reported that this grant has now been closed out. Of \$164,603 awarded, \$164,586 was reimbursed.

Employee Training Grants Program (Incumbent Worker) – Portlock recommended approval of application from Therafin Corporation for the amount of \$8,495. Tromp motioned to approve application, seconded by Herrick. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Kistingner, seconded by Gonzalez.

The next meeting of the System and Trends Committee is scheduled for September 8, 2021.