

**MADISON-BOND-JERSEY-CALHOUN
WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD
March 17, 2021
ZOOM MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Paul Wellhausen called the meeting to order at 8:01AM.

ROLL CALL (taken by roll call list) Quorum Present.

Members Present:

Shari Albrecht	James McIsaac
Chris Blair	Robert Moore
Rosemarie Brown	Tim Schoenecker
Kevin Engelke	David Stine
Tony Fuhrmann	Dawn Swift
Alex Gromada	Mike Toner
Val Harris	Paul Wellhausen
Chris Johnson	Rob Werden
Roy Kirkwood	Danielle Wisely

Members Absent:

Dick Bold	John Keller
Dionne Jackson	Jill Lauchner
Katie Johnson	Gerry Schuetzenhofer
Andrew Jones	Chad Squier
Charlie Juneau	B. Dean Webb

Guests and Staff Present:

Alice Bunjan	Sarah Lorio
Rebecca Cowley	Dirk Muffler
Bryan Ellis	Vicki Niederhofer
Rich Heinz	Tony Stephens
Darlene Ladd	Dr. Ken Trzaska
Terry Lane	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

With no public comment, Paul Wellhausen moved on to the next agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION):

Paul Wellhausen asked for a motion to approve the December 2, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Robert Moore and seconded by Rosemarie Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE & ACTIVITY REPORTS:**Executive Committee: (ACTION)**

Paul Wellhausen reported that the committee met on January 21, 2021 and March 11, 2021 and the minutes are in the packet. Paul presented three items for full board approval (already approved by the Executive Committee). Debbie Angleton explained the items.

1. Approval of One Stop Operator Procurement
2. Approval of Youth Program Manuals
3. Approval of Local Plan Revisions

After discussion of the items, Mike Toner made a motion to give general consent to the 3 items presented. Dr. Timothy Schoenecker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Membership & Management Update:

Tony Fuhrmann reported no changes to current Board.

Madison County American Job Center Consortium & One Stop Operations Committee:

Rosemarie Brown reported the Consortium & Committee had a combined conference call on February 23, 2021. The minutes were emailed with the agenda. Connie Vick discussed the PY 2021 MOU Budget. Items reviewed in discussion were shared delivery system costs specific to the center, including FTEs at the center, total shared costs, Career Navigator position and One Stop Operator costs including payments. Connie Vick reviewed the new service integration goals and strategies that will be implemented by the partners. The majority of the partners reported their offices are working remotely and virtually. The next meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 9:00am.

Communications Update:

Tony Fuhrmann deferred this discussion to later in the meeting in other business.

Youth Committee:

Dr. Timothy Schoenecker reported the Youth Committee met on January 12, 2021. There was discussion about this year's Career Days being held at Edwardsville High School, after much discussion and consideration it was determined that Career Days would be postponed until 2022 at Edwardsville High School. Darlene Ladd explained that in March, 2021, there will be a new Request for Proposal for youth programs out for bid. This will be for youth programs for PY 2021 & 2022. It is a bid process for in school & out of school youth programs. Kathleen Wilson and Kaleb Smith have volunteered to assist with the RFP approval process. The next meeting is on May 4, 2021.

Treasurer's Report:

Rich Heinz referenced the Treasurer's Report in the email & on the shared screen which shows the WIOA financial summary and asked for any questions. He reported we had remaining funds from the Disaster Relief Grant which we are sharing to assist in staffing the Health Department.

Business Services/Business Engagement:

Sarah Lorio reported that businesses continue to reach out for recruitment assistance. We have had an increase in requests from companies in hospitality industry (World Wide Technology Race Track, local casinos, Gateway Convention Center, etc.). The Metro East Nexus Group is hosting a Virtual Job Fair for individuals with disabilities on April 7 & 8 and is still seeking employers to participate. The department is collaborating with the Troy/Maryville/St. Jacob/Marine Chamber to host monthly Virtual Job Fairs via Illinois workNet. Sarah requested everyone to “like us” on Facebook to help share our postings, and increase our exposure on social media. Sarah also mentioned that Ethan Lord will start March 29, 2021 as our new Business Services Representative.

Presentation Lewis & Clark Community College – Dr. Kenneth Trzaska:

Dr. Trzaska, in his new position at Lewis & Clark, gave us a brief description of his background and experience. He presented a slide show with his concepts and plans for Lewis & Clark. He started by describing his Strategic Plan – to include greater enrollment and retention improvement, investment in program & curriculum development, and hopes of building a transparent and inclusive campus culture. He plans to broaden community and educational collaboration. To move in the direction of including Open Entry/Open Exit for people who may not need a full 2 year program. Blendflex Access, which provides the ability for students to be remote or on campus for classes and lab work, and Dual Credit classes already in process. He also described a Mover Team Concept - which promoted a spirit of campus collaboration, momentum and measurable progress. Mover teams create “opportunity building” and encourage “action” to improve any specific aspect of mission and vision. Mover teams aim to empower you as team members to initiate changes you feel are important to advancing our collective work and efforts at Lewis and Clark Community College.

Other Business

Tony Fuhrmann discussed program PY19 results.

Tony reported on the Short Term Supply Chain Management Training, the contract was negotiated, they continued to attempt to alter the agreement, and it was decided to terminate the agreement.

He also reported on the Regional Supply Chain- started talks with 9 different entities, community colleges, SIUE and others for a coordinated regional effort. 10 meets so far to discuss options and strategies, still in the early stages, all different types of ideas for employment from blue collar, up to management positions.

National Disaster Work grant- SIUE badging grant. SIUE has signed contract, we have a few potential candidates, and SIUE has purchased some items, so they will be billing grant soon for expenditures.

Darlene reported all paperwork for Youth RFP has been completed and posted publicly for pick up. The submissions are due in April. The Youth Subcommittee to review the RFP are Kathleen Wilson and Kaleb Smith. Current contract holders are: Madison HS – in school, MGW and LCC for out of school. We have had some alternative agencies contact us regarding potential interest, such as Roxana High School, and Challenge Unlimited Inc. Darlene secured Kathy Wilson, and Caleb Smith to score the RFPs received, and complete the process by end of April.

Tony reported that we had a Media day, with local newspapers, on Wednesday, February 24th to try to help get the word out about our services. He spoke on Alton Radio, we hosted 100 men of Madison County to explain our program to partner with their services. We now have a hootsuite. Tony mentioned that he and Courtney Breckenridge attend a Drinking with Dawn session with Dawn Mushill of the Troy/Maryville.St. Jacob/Marine Chamber.

Dawn Swift from IDES informs the members that all staff continue to work on unemployment claims with 75% of staff working remotely. They are now implementing the new American Relief Act extending UI benefits through September.

Dionne Jackson from Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) reported DRS is still working remotely with no changes in sight as of now. We continue to work with our customers, partners, and stakeholders, daily via technology. We look forward to continuing our connections with everyone.

Val Harris from Lewis & Clark Community College (LCCC) represents the Adult Education program that serves 16 year olds & up, has completed the fiscal year 2021 Adult Ed Area Plan. It is currently Spring Break and most classes are virtual. They are working on the Youth Build Project and are waiting to hear on Warehouse Pathways element.

There were no Announcements/Updates

Next Meeting:

Paul Wellhausen announced that the next WIB meeting would be on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 @ 8:00am through Zoom.

Closing and Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rosemarie Brown, seconded by Tony Fuhrmann. It was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23am.

Approved By:

Danielle Wisely, WIB Secretary Treasurer