

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Conference Call
5/21/20**

In Attendance: Charlie Juneau, Paul Wellhausen, Danielle Wisely, Rod Wolter, Tony Fuhrmann, Rich Heinz, Sarah Lorio, and Debbie Angleton

Call To Order:

Charlie Juneau called the meeting to order at 8:36AM.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Paul Wellhausen to approve the March 19, 2020 meeting minutes and it was seconded by Rod Wolter. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Executive Committee Report:

Charlie introduced a motion item to approve the PY 2020 Youth Provider Renewals. Debbie Angleton referred to the attachment, Contracted WIOA Youth Providers Recommended by the WIB Youth Committee. These are youth providers that were awarded funding last year through the RFP process and this is second year of their approved program. A budget was submitted by each one and two of three had lower budgets than last year. MERS/Goodwill was \$8400 less due to the supervisor retiring in January and the Vice President in Missouri office will supervise the 2 Career Specialists as an in-kind contribution. Lewis & Clark Community College decreased by \$5000 due to changes in staff costs. The in school program at Madison CUSD #12 had their budget increase by \$1500. This was due to an increase in the FTEs for the 2 supervisors.

MERS/Goodwill and Madison CUSD #12 met their 90% of enrollments, however, LCCC did not. There were new enrollments scheduled to start in March, however, the COVID-19 changed the plan since the school closed down. All of the performance measures exceeded the goals.

A motion was made by Paul Wellhausen to approve the PY 2020 Youth Provider Renewals and Rod Wolter seconded it. It was unanimously approved.

Next, Charlie introduced a motion for approval of the PY 2020 MOU Narrative. Debbie explained the MOU narrative was updated by Connie Vick & sent to all of the partners for review. She is still waiting for a few to respond, so if there are any changes, then the Narrative will need to be presented again to the Executive Committee. Debbie pointed out page 8 of the document which lists the comprehensive center to be the Wood River office. The Greenville & Jerseyville offices are considered access sites, and are not part of the MOU budget. The Narrative gives a description of the partner services and cash/in-kind contributions of each partner.

A motion was made by Rod Wolter to approve the PY 2020 MOU Narrative and Danielle Wisely seconded it. It was unanimously approved.

The third action item is the approval of the PY 2020 Classroom Training Providers & Programs. Debbie pointed out the attachment with the names of schools and their programs. Paul noted

the Lutheran School of Nursing has had some reported issues with low test rates, staff turnover and funding. Debbie replied she was informed that the school is working on getting their accreditation renewed. Paul suggested the school be taken off the approved list for next program year. A motion was made by Paul to approve the PY 2020 Classroom Training Providers & Programs with the exception of the Lutheran School of Nursing and Rod Wolter seconded it. It was unanimously approved.

The last action item was added to the agenda to address the wages of the paid work experience participants. Tony Fuhrmann explained the minimum wage increases to \$10.00 per hour on July 1 and then, increases to \$11.00 per hour on January 1, 2021. He is proposing to raise our current \$10.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour on July 1, 2020 for our WIOA paid work experience participants. A motion was made by Rod Wolter to increase the paid work experience wage to \$12.00 per hour on July 1, 2020 and it was seconded by Danielle Wisely. It was unanimously approved.

Business Engagement/Supporting Economic Development Committee Report:

Sarah Lorio reported our office is sending out job openings through emails, Facebook, Twitter and our website. On Illinois workNet website, there is a virtual job fair to assist job seekers & employers. Also, the State has a new website called Get Hired that was developed by DCEO and IDES. Sarah also added our office is updating our website so it will be more user friendly.

Membership/Board Officers:

Tony Fuhrmann reported that Ed Cunningham sent in his resignation letter from the WIB on March 1, 2020. He is taking a more regional position with his company. Tony announced there are 7 WIB members that have their terms expire on September 30, 2020. They are Dave Lewis, Paul Wellhausen, Rod Wolter, Val Harris, Dionne Jackson, John Otey and Tony Fuhrmann. Dave Lewis is the representative from Jersey County & he is retiring in June, so a new member will be needed. The others will be contacted about their continued membership.

Tony announced it is time for election of WIB officers. Nominations are needed in order to vote at the June WIB meeting. One nomination for Chairman is Paul Wellhausen and the Vice Chair nomination is Danielle Wisely. This will be tabled until the next WIB meeting.

Other Business:

Rich Heinz noted the WIOA Title 1B financial summaries in the packet. All grants are on course. Tony pointed out the Title 1B report with the number of registrants and number of customers that utilize the resource center. Also, it shows the total number of services accessed since July 1, 2019. The performance measurements are showing exceed except for the Dislocated Worker credential rate which is a failed measure. The issue was the large number of US Steel workers that were in training, were recalled back to work & did not finish their training. Debbie mentioned we are contacting exiters to see if they went back to finish their certificate or degree on their own. Paul inquired if the recently laid off US Steel workers would be able to resume their training or start a new one? Debbie replied it would be determined on a case by case basis.

Even though, our office is closed to the public, we have been assisting with calls coming in about unemployment benefits. We have made over 400 referrals to staff in the Belleville IDES office for call backs to our referrals. Tony commended Darlene and staff that have fielding the calls & trying to assist unhappy, unemployed people.

Tony announced the PY 2020 allocations which is increased from last year by \$100,000. The total allocation for the funding streams for Adults, Dislocated Workers and Youth is \$2,738,390.00

Tony reported we applied for a second round of apprenticeship grants with St. Clair County and it looks like it will be awarded for \$627,000.00.

Our office was notified last week that we received the Service Integration Grant for \$36,000.00. This includes hiring a Career Navigator to assist customers in the Resource Center and upgrading technology access for virtual workshops. The job will be posted soon.

The office will also awarded a disaster relief grant for the flood damage in Jersey & Calhoun Counties. The grant is \$300,000.00 to hire 12 flood workers. There are 7 workers starting on May 26th.

Tony provided information about possible Federal Emergency funding. DCEO has been awarded \$8.3 million for layoff aversion grants. There is another Federal grant possibility for re-employment of workers. Our office is coordinating with St. Clair County & SIUE on a badging program. This will allow participants to earn a credential in 6-8 weeks through SIUE and possible OJT with an employer. If the office receives this grant, then another Career Specialist will be hired.

Paul mentioned how great the Salute to Steel Park near the McKinley Bridge looks & offers thanks to Christina Schutze. She is the supervisor for the Venice Garden project through our office.

Next Meetings:

Charlie reported the next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled on August 6, 2020, at 8:30AM in Wood River. The next full WIB meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 8:00AM with the location to be determined or a Zoom meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Rod Wolter to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Danielle Wisely. It was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30AM.