

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
11/21/19**

**In Attendance:** Charlie Juneau, Paul Wellhausen, Rod Wolter, Tony Fuhrmann, Rich Heinz, Sarah Lorio, Connie Vick and Debbie Angleton

**Call To Order:**

Paul Wellhausen called the meeting to order at 8:35AM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Charlie Juneau to approve the October 17, 2019 meeting minutes and it was seconded by Rod Wolter. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Executive Committee Report:**

Paul introduced a motion item to approve the LWIA #22 MOU Revisions for PY 2019. Connie Vick explained the technical changes that were required by DCEO. A motion was made by Charlie Juneau to approve the MOU Revisions and Rod Wolter seconded it. It was unanimously approved.

The next motion item was approval for a new Youth Committee member. Her name is Dr. Tricia Blackard who is Director of the Collinsville Vocational Center. She was recommended by Rob Werden. A motion was made by Rod Wolter to approve Tricia Blackard as a member of the Youth Committee and Charlie Juneau seconded it. It was unanimously approved.

Paul asked Debbie Angleton to explain the request for approval of SIUE Mass Communications B.S. Degree program. A low income & food stamp customer has requested assistance to complete his major by May 2021. The customer has 55 credit hours left at a cost of \$28,000. The growth rate for several job opportunities is 8% with entry level wages from \$19.73 to \$29.63.

A motion was made by Rod Wolter to approve the SIUE Mass Communications B.S. degree and was seconded by Charlie Juneau. It was unanimously approved.

Paul pointed out the 2020 calendars in the packet for all of the WIB and committee meetings. After review, a motion was made by Charlie Juneau to approve the 2020 meeting calendars and Rod Wolter seconded it. It was unanimously approved.

**Business Engagement/Supporting Economic Development Committee Report:**

Sarah Lorio reported there are 2 new incumbent worker projects with IMAC that are progressing forward. The companies are Advanta Clean and Hanley Industries. The Business Service Team continues to meet regularly and is part of a group called Nexus. This group assists people with

disabilities to find employment and other services. Recently, West Star Aviation in East Alton hosted high school student tours for 2 days. There were 100 students from different Madison County high schools that attended. Also, our office is assisting West Star in developing an apprenticeship program.

### **Membership/Board Officers:**

Tony Fuhrmann reports the members of the Madison-Bond-Jersey-Calhoun Workforce Innovation Board have been recertified by DCEO. This is a process which is required every 2 years. In the packet, is the letter from the DCEO Director, Erin Guthrie and the list of members. There will be 2 new members at the next WIB meeting: Chad Squier from Jersey County and Jill Lauchner from Bond County.

### **Other Business:**

Rich Heinz noted the WIOA Title 1B financial summaries in the packet. The PY 2018 grant is almost fully expended, so the PY 2019 grant is now getting underway. The Incentive grant still has funds left to spend. The Trade grant for PY 2017 is completed and the office is applying for another Trade grant. Tony mentioned the additional funding of \$425,000 we received under Title 1E to replace dislocated worker funds that were transferred to adult funding.

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 in all categories except for the credential rate for dislocated workers. There is a data lag so this should change next quarter.

Tony mentioned our department will be in charge of the Accommodations for Success next year. This is an event for people with disabilities to connect with employers by having a reverse job fair. The applicant has a table to present themselves while the employers go around and talk to the applicant. We are looking for a location in early August.

On November 5, our office hosted an informational meeting with our local State legislators. In attendance was State Senator Rachelle Crowe, State Representative Katie Stuart and State Representative Monica Bristow. They were impressed with all the services offered through the Center.

Tony announced we are applying for a second round of apprenticeship grants with St. Clair County. There are 3 separate grants which total \$700,000. The current navigator, Lee Reese, is assisting in this effort.

During National Apprenticeship Week, Tony & Sarah went to the State Capitol for an event with the Governor. One of our current apprenticeship customers, Celeste Linares, spoke at the event about her experiences in the training program.

Tony mentioned there is a notice for funding opportunity from DCEO for service integration projects. Our office is going to apply for possibly \$100,000 available to each area.

He announced the National Alliance of Business has their conference scheduled in Washington, D.C. from March 21 to 24, 2020.

**Next Meetings:**

Paul reported the next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled on January 23, 2020, at 8:30AM in Wood River. The next full WIB meeting will be Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 10:30AM at Julia's Banquet Center in East Alton. The luncheon will follow at 12:00pm.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Rod Wolter and seconded by Charlie Juneau to adjourn the meeting. It was unanimously approved.

***The meeting was adjourned at 9:21AM.***