

**MADISON-BOND-JERSEY-CALHOUN
WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD
December 4, 2019
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Gerry Schuetzenhofer called the meeting to order at 10:37AM.

ROLL CALL (taken already by roll call list) Quorum Present. All members introduced themselves and explained their business/organization.

Members Present:

Shari Albrecht	Dave Lewis
Rosemarie Brown	Kathleen McIntosh
Kevin Engelke	James McIsaac
Tony Fuhrmann	John Otey
Val Harris	Tim Schoenecker
Dionne Jackson	Gerry Schuetzenhofer
Andrew Jones	Chad Squier
John Keller	Mike Toner
Roy Kirkwood	Paul Wellhausen
Jill Lauchner	Danielle Wisely
	Rod Wolter

Members Absent:

Dick Bold	Charles Juneau
Ed Cunningham	B. Dean Webb
Alex Gromada	Rob Werden
Chris Johnson	

Guests and Staff Present:

Debra Angleton	Darlene Ladd
Terry Biggs	Terry Lane
Alice Bunjan	Sarah Lorio
Mark Burgess	Kurt Prenzler
Mike Conley	Rick Stubblefield
Bryan Ellis	Dawn Swift
Rich Heinz	Connie Vick
Matt Jones	Larry Wieneke

PUBLIC COMMENT:

With no public comment, Gerry Schuetzenhofer moved on to the next agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION):

Gerry Schuetzenhofer asked for a motion to approve the September 18, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Tim Schoenecker and seconded by Mike Toner. The minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE & ACTIVITY REPORTS:

Executive Committee: (ACTION)

Gerry Schuetzenhofer reported that the committee met on October 17 & November 21 and the minutes are in the packet. Gerry presented five items for full board approval (already approved by the Executive Committee). Tony Fuhrmann and Debbie Angleton explained the items.

1. Approval of LWIA #22 Standard of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy
2. Approval of LWIA #22 MOU Revisions for PY 2019
3. Approval of New Youth Committee Member – Dr. Tricia Blackard
Director of Collinsville Vocational Center
4. Approval of SIUE Mass Communications B.S. Degree
55 credit hours with the total cost of \$28,000.00; Length: 18 months
5. Approval of 2020 Calendars

After discussion of the items, Board members had gave general consent to the Executive Committee's approval of the five items.

Membership & Management Update:

Tony Fuhrmann reports the DCEO recertified the WIB for the next two years as designated by the letter from Acting Director, Erin Guthrie. In the packet, is the list of members and their contact information. Tony asked the newest members to introduce themselves & provide information about their business. Shari Albrecht is with the Jerseyville Economic Development Council. She is promoting the new Gateway multi-modal transportation center in Jersey County. Another new member is Jill Lauchner from Energtech Global LLC as the Bond County member. Her company employs 120 people & is located in Greenville & South Dakota. Energtech is a manufacturer in the geothermal heating & cooling industry & is expanding into solar installation. The last new member is Chad Squier who is owner & president of Squier Insurance Agency in Calhoun County.

Madison County American Job Center Consortium:

Paul Wellhausen reported the Consortium met on November 26 and the minutes were emailed with the agenda. Debbie Angleton discussed the completed MOU revisions which were recently sent back to the State after the approval from the Executive Committee. Next, is the process to begin working on the 2020 Regional & Local Plans. All partners will have input into these plans which are due March 30. There will be a public comment period in February for 30 days. The WIB will be notified when the plans are available for review. Rosemarie Brown announced the soft skills video "Building Blocks for Success" has been nominated to be one of the 3 finalists for an ARCUS award through the St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce. She also reported Manufacturing Day at Granite City SWIC was again a success with 1600 students and 39 vendors participating. The next meeting on Tuesday, February 25 at 9:00am.

One-Stop Operations Committee:

Paul also reported the One-Stop Operations Committee also met on November 26 and the minutes were emailed with the agenda. Debbie Angleton led the discussion about the 3 chosen service integration goals for the One Stop System in the next year. One of the goals is to increase information & knowledge of partner services for all agency staff. This cross training will continue on Dec. 6 with a Career Pathways workshop at Lewis & Clark's Scott Bibb Center. Each partner will host a workshop in the coming year. Another goal is to increase referrals among partners and coordinate services with a new position called Career Navigator. The office is applying for a grant to support this position. Several members shared customer success stories. The Land of Lincoln Legal Aid sponsored the September Expungement Day held in the Wood River Center. There were 100 pre-registered people and over 80 showed up for either getting their records expunged or sealed. So far, 25 people have been successful in getting their record reviewed and expunged or sealed. The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 25 at 9:30am.

Communications Update:

Tony Fuhrmann shared information about the about National Apprenticeship Week which was in November. It was at the State Capitol with the Governor & several people spoke. One of our customers, Celeste Linares, who is participating in the process operations training & apprenticeship program, gave a short speech about being a non-traditional student in the field & how she is pleased to be in the program.

Youth Committee:

Rod Wolter reported the Youth Committee met on Wednesday, November 6 and the minutes were emailed with the agenda. Rob Werden, Regional Superintendent, discussed the next Career Days 2020. There are several school districts that have not participated in the past 10 years. He will reach out to the Edwardsville School District superintendent to see if they want to host the spring event. The Committee will be reaching out for speakers from a variety of occupations. Carolyn Taviner from the Madison County Employment & Training Jerseyville office explained about the Career Fair at Jerseyville High School & 3 other neighboring districts that was held in the spring for the past 15 years. Last year there were 1500 students with 70 career representatives in attendance. The Youth Committee will help to keep this successful event ongoing. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 9:00am.

Treasurer's Report:

Rich Heinz referenced the Treasurer's Report in the packet which shows the WIOA financial summary and asked for any questions. 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.

Business Services/Business Engagement:

Sarah Ray Lorio explained she is working with Jersey & Calhoun Counties about their new transportation center & continues to do employer outreach. In October, Tony & she went to Chicago for a meeting about badging that included Julio Rodriguez, Deputy Director of Employment & Training for DCEO and Chancellor Randy Pembroke from SIUE.

She mentioned that NEXUS has formed a group in Illinois to bring together agencies & employers to help people with disabilities and barriers. Our office has been involved with this group.

An event for next August called Accommodations for Success will be hosted by our office & partners. It is a reverse job fair for applicants with disabilities. It was very successful this past August in St. Clair County. Sarah continues to market job opportunities, incumbent worker program, & on the job training.

Illinois Workforce Innovation Board Presentation:

Mike Conley, member of the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB) and Mark Burgess from Department of Commerce, handed out a power point that provided information about the Governor's Executive Order, IWIB Strategic Plan & how State & local boards can work together. Mike has been on the IWIB for 4 years & said there has been progress in moving toward the Governor's Executive Order. He says what drives the regional successes is determined by the local boards. In this region, there are apprenticeship grants available.

Mark is staff to the IWIB but there are other Dept. Commerce staff involved on committees & task force groups. He says the IWIB is becoming better educated about the workforce system and is focusing on collaboration across all partners. IWIB wants to have better communication with the local boards & get input from these boards. One way is the WIOA Wednesday's webinars on Illinois workNet which addresses different topics.

Mark discussed the Service Integration Goals and that each of the 22 local areas completed a self-assessment which was returned to the Dept. Each area has goals for the next year to implement.

He explained the 3 key roles of workforce boards & the strategic plan of guiding principles. In moving forward, the IWIB wants to build a better message to the local boards & have a better relationship.

Mike mentioned that marketing of services needs to increase at all levels. He said that Tony Fuhrmann is the chair of the IWIB apprenticeship marketing committee. Tony added that a MBA class at SIUE is going to develop a market plan for apprenticeships. Andrew Jones asked if employers have apprehensions about apprenticeships. Mike responded & said yes, some businesses are unsure about working with the government & have some mistrust.

Core Partner Updates:

Tony Fuhrmann introduced the new Southern Illinois Regional Manager, Bryan Ellis. He referenced the Title 1B report in the packet and reported that the performance measures are exceeding in every measure except for failing the dislocated worker credential attainment. This is due to the large number of US Steel training customers that were recalled back to work & did not finish their program. However, this measure may be met next month when more data is uploaded. There were 1,462 customers that have visited the resource center since July 1, 2019.

In the packet, is the One Stop Center Customer Satisfaction Survey Report for 3rd quarter of 2019. The sample shows that the majority of customers are pleased with the services they received and gave good comments for resource room staff.

Our office received the additional dislocated worker funds in the amount of \$425,000 for PY 2019. This will replace the dislocated worker funds that were transferred to the adult funding.

Three new apprenticeship grants totaling \$700,000 were submitted on December 2 which cover a 9 county area. Selection of grant awards will be announced in February.

Our office is also working on service integration grant due on December 23. We are asking for funds to support a Career Navigator for the one stop resource center.

Tony reported our office continues to work with the CEO classes from Collinsville & the Alton Riverbender groups. These high school students are in the process of developing their own businesses.

He mentioned that our office will be very busy in the next 6 months with 5 major items due to the State.

John Otey from IDES exclaimed that 2019 has been a good year in Southern Illinois for the services & activities offered to customers including businesses. There were recently some employer roundtables offered in the Belleville and Wood River offices. In the next year, he would like to hold a homeless veteran stand down event in Madison County.

Dionne Jackson from Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) reports the agency continues to work with people with disabilities with training & employment services.

Val Harris from Lewis & Clark Community College (LCCC) represents the Adult Education programs also for SWIC & Kaskaskia College. She announced they are recruiting for students to start programs in January. Her dept. is focusing on equity with all students. Also, she is reaching out to employers that may have employees without a high school diploma or GED. & how the Adult Ed. dept. can help them obtain them.

Under Other Business:

Gerry thanked the Employment & Training staff for their good work throughout the past year.

Next Meeting:

Gerry Schuetzenhofer announced that the next WIB meeting would be on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 @ 8:00am at **Wood River Manley Auditorium**. Tony added the speakers will be Kaleb Smith from the Madison County Career Technical Education office and Alice Bunjan from Lewis & Clark Community College to discuss the Perkins plan.

Closing and Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Approved By:

Danielle Wisely, WIB Secretary Treasurer