

Minutes

Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board Meeting

November 14, 2017

10am- 11:45am

**Southeastern Career Center
901 US Highway 50
Versailles, IN 47042**

Attendees: Patti Yount, Chip Orben, Bill Nonte, Nickie Nolting, Jeff Byrd, Carla Crowe, Rich Sewell, Kurt Kegerreis, Lissa Griffin, Denise Smith, Josh Wilber, Jacque Denny, Kirk Kuhn, Margo Olson, Peggy Dickson, Ron Eads, Gary Norman, Terri Randall, Mark Graver

Approval of Minutes

The previous meetings' minutes from June, July and September were motioned for approval by Josh Wilber and Mark Graver seconded.

Presentation

Jeff Byrd gave a presentation on JobCorps. He explained that JobCorps is a WIOA funded program. Once someone is registered in the program, everything is completely covered, including housing and classes. Students are paid while in the program. Atterbury has also been opened up to non-residential students. Jeff talked about how JobCorps complements JAG and WorkOne. JobCorps is a program for the state, not a specific region. They currently have 100 spots open at Atterbury and 50 openings at the IndyPendence location. He hopes to create co-enrollments programs with adult education programs. Patti was eager to explore what Region 9 can do to help JobCorps further.

Partner Updates

Bill Nonte, CFO of the DWD and on behalf of Gina Ashley, gave an update on DWD. Fred Payne, from Honda Manufacturing, will be the new commissioner for DWD effective December 12. Wagner Peyser funding could be eliminated, as well as WOTC and SCSEP. RESEA funding looks good. He discussed the initiatives in place currently: Workforce Innovative Networks (WIN), Indiana Career Explorer (ICE), IndianaCareerReady.com and NextLevelJobs.org. Also shown was the unemployment rates for the region versus the state thru September. Bill and Kurt Kegerreis also discussed the opioid epidemic and the collaboration with Jim McClelland and how Region 9 may work together on any initiative.

Executive Staff Updates

Kurt Kegerreis discussed the “attraction problem” the state is facing. In the private sector, there has been energy bubbling to do something regionally. There have been local initiatives, but nothing regionally. In Region 9, between now and 2040, the workforce is expected to decline by 6%. He foresees this being a major regional issue moving forward. JAG is expanding to South Dearborn and a collaboration between Jac-Cen-Del and South Ripley. That brings the region to eight JAG programs. Milan may be rolled included in the future.

WorkOne offices need to be certified, as a requirement of WIOA. Region 9 will be partnering with Region 5. A Board member will be needed to help with the process, and Chip Orben will be assisting. Office hours in the express offices have been cut to part time hours due to the budget challenges. Conversations have been started with DWD regarding UI being one of the things that 50% of customers are coming in for assistance with. A rapid response request is being submitted for Deufol. An audit procurement needs to be done. The same company has done it for years, but this year, two other companies submitted bids. The Executive Committee is in a position to take care of that. A summary will be sent out and discussed at the next board meeting. Jeff Byrd motioned to approve that the Executive Committee handles the procurement and Gary Norman seconded.

Service Provider Updates

Margo Olson gave an update on RVR. Emmanuel Martinez will be representing Indiana at the National Student Leadership Development Conference in Washington DC. He will be the only Math Skills Competitor from Indiana. He is a student in the Bilingual JAG Program in Seymour. Desiree Steinkamp, a JAG Alumni, is now teaching the JAG program at Jennings County HS. Due to time constraints, service numbers were distributed previously via email.

PY17 Budget

Carla Crowe gave the review of the budget through October 31st. On the financial sheet, the top half shows the funding available, which is almost \$3.3 million. \$10,000 in funds have been added to RESEA and some to the IFA contract. The lower half shows planned expenses for the current program year. \$25,000 have been added to the service provider contract to support the One Stop operator. That brings planned expenses to just over \$3 million. Current planned carry in to PY18 is \$219,980. Currently, 15% of WIOA dollars are planned to carry in the next year, but it may need to be looked at to carry a little more to support PY18, but no more than 20%.

The second page of the report shows the sources of funds requested and the budget compared to planned expenses. \$907,835 have been received to date, and expenses are \$903,395. WIOA expenditure rate is at 27%. The benchmark is at 33%, so we are currently below the benchmark. In school and out of school rate is at 3% and 97%

respectively. Current direct client services are at 18%. Other regions spend about 20% on direct client services, but have a larger allocation to work with than Region 9.

The third page is a graph that shows the current program year to the prior program year. It was advised to keep in mind that the prior program year may have received funding not received this program year.

The fourth page shows the budget breakdown for the Executive Staff. Executive Staff expenses are at 31%. The fifth pages shows the breakdown for RVR. They are at a 29% expenditure rate against a 33% benchmark.

Gary Norman motioned for the budget to be approved and Jeff Byrd seconded.

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