

Minutes

Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board Meeting

September 19, 2017

10am- 12noon

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

Attendees: Chip Orben, Gina Ashley, Mark Cauble, Nikki Nolting, Jeff Byrd, Carla Crowe, Rich Sewell, Kurt Kegerreis, Karen McKinley, Jennifer Montgomery, Shelley McClintock, Lissa Griffin, Carla Enzinger, Denise Smith, Josh Wilber, Kathy Oren, Mark Graver, Jacque Denny, Kirk Kuhn, Kristal Biehle, Leslie Crist, Margo Olson, Melanie Douglas

Approval of Minutes

There was no quorum for approval of meeting minutes.

Partner Updates

Gina Ashley, acting intern commissioner of the DWD, introduced Leslie Crist as the Associate COO of Workforce programs. Also discussed was the Governor being tasked with setting up a Workforce report, due October 31st.

Kathy Oren gave an update on Skill Up round 1 grant, which ended in August. Over 4,000 adult learners were served. There were over 400,000 attendance counts for the EcO Champion Career Awareness events.

Presentation

Gina Ashley gave a presentation on Next Level Jobs and Indiana Career Ready. Next Level Jobs is the Governor's initiative to get training funds for the jobs that require some type of certificate or more education than high school, but less than college. The Workforce Ready grant was put into legislation this past session. Nextleveljobs.org has been set up, where both job seekers and employers will apply for the grants. There is a credit bearing side to the Workforce Ready grant, where the DWD will look at job demand and wages to determine which certification will be funded. The non-credit bearing side will be much more selective of the certifications chosen, as there is no financial aid, so it is fully funded through the state. Certifications will be reassessed on a

quarterly basis. The Employer Training grant will reimburse an employer up to \$2,500 per new employee, if they train higher, then retain up to six months. There is a cap of \$25,000 per employer. Indianacareerready.com is intended to help fill the 1,000,000 jobs over the next ten years. The numbers on the website are populated directly out of ICC.

Executive Staff Updates

There is a Rapid Response for Deufol. Kirk Kuhn and team are working diligently to place the 243 workers. The DWD has been notified to expect the Rapid Response request. Julianne Hosey will be leaving the team in October. There is a candidate who, barring any objections, will be brought on within the existing budgets that have already been approved. In the fall, the Work One 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. A meeting through the Governor's office with Jim McClelland has been set in October to see what Region 9 can do to help with the opioid epidemic.

Service Provider Updates

Service numbers are being maintained from last year, as are training numbers, despite a substantial reduction in funds. WorkINdiana results were released, and Region 9 lead the state in several categories. There are several new training providers in the region. Unemployment inquiries are being tracked to show the state how much the local offices are contributing. JAG will be expanding to two new schools. South Dearborn will start in November, as they are on trimesters. Jac-Cen-Del and South Ripley put in a joint application that was approved by the state and will go into effect in 2018.

PY17 Budget

Carla Crowe gave the review of the budget through August 31th. It was previously approved by the board, a budget of a little more than \$2.9 million. The adjustments since have included JAG receiving more funding than was initially budgeted by about \$166,000 over the PY17 grant. Also, WorkINdiana received more funding by about \$146,000, which is a combination of actual carry in as well as more funding than was anticipated in the first budget proposal. The second part of the RESEA funding has been received, and that contract is set to expire in December. The total adjustment of \$287,000 for total funds as of August 31st of \$3.2 million. The estimated planned expenses for PY17 initially had a board approved budget of \$3 million. It is anticipated to carry over 15% of WIOA expenses. \$230,000 is unobligated and will transfer to PY18, \$190,000 for WIOA and \$40,000 for other funds.

The revenue requested and received through August 31st is about \$433,000. The expenses YTD are \$434,000. The discrepancy is covered by funds received in a previous program year, which does not show as revenue received in PY17. First month WIOA expenditure rate is at 14%. In school and out of school rate is at 3% and 97% respectively.

Other Business

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 21. It might be considered to change that to a week sooner. A Local Elected Officials meeting will also be scheduled for November.

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