

Minutes

Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board Meeting

April 4, 2024
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Online via Zoom

Board Members Online: Patti Yount, Gary Norman, Jon Bond, Kevin Turner, Shelley McClintock, Bryan Robbins, Kylie Foster, Luz Michel, Brandon Briner, Jenny Moss, Lisa Hutson, Carol Brown **Others Online:** Kurt Kegerreis, Margo Olson, Bev Smith, Brad Wood, Chris Henry, Victoria Britton, Carla Crowe, Phillip Foiles, Lindsey Hershey, Mike Perleberg, Charlotte Gunter, Sarah Lamping, Amanda Getzendanner, Mariah Brison

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved by email vote.

Executive Staff Updates - Kurt Kegerreis

Kurt Kegerreis introduced the new member to his team. Mariah Brison is the Administrative Intern for them. She is a former JAG graduate.

Kurt gave the Executive Staff report. The team was very busy in the Region. There was not a February Meeting. The Career Development Conference for JAG was held in North Vernon on February 1st.

JAG Expansion: JAG is expanding rapidly. There have been four new programs launched. Those programs are Switzerland County, Crothersville, a second program at Lawrenceburg and Seymour. There are seven more programs coming this fall. Those programs are North Decatur, South Decatur, Greensburg, Medora, Southwestern, a second program at Madison, South Ripley and Jac-Cen-Del are going to separate programs. There are two programs slated for 2025. Those programs are Columbus North and Columbus East.

The team is planning a big announcement event that will include the Governor for the JAG Expansion. The team will send out details in the future.

State Monitoring went really well. There were no major concerns coming out of the monitoring.

All six WorkOne Office Certifications were submitted.

New Grants and New Funders: The team has received three new grants. Those grants are Family and Social Services. This grant is helping to create behavioral health workers in Bartholomew County. SAMSHA which is a mental health organization. This was to help us

get involved with the Probation Departments in Bartholomew County. Commissioner of Higher Ed Round 1 is a grant that is trying to connect students to employers. This first one was to help us staff up so eventually we will be able to reach students outside our JAG community.

New Proposals: The team has put out 3 new proposals. Those proposals are Commissioner of Higher Ed Round 2, Pathways to success, and Senior Community Service Program. For the Commissioner of Higher Ed Round 2 grant, we are currently waiting to hear back from it. The Pathways to Success grant that will help expand the correction activities. The Senior Community Service Program that is for adults age 55 and up. This places seniors into nonprofit work hoping to get into full time positions.

Extra Funds: The team has had extra funds. Those funds are Work Ready Grant, H1-B Healthcare Grant which is being run by Region 4, and Employer Training Grant.

Outreach and Education: Governors One Stop to Start. With this the Governors want to do a state-wide campaign.

Kurt has been going out and reaching out to the State and Federal Legislators. There were some changes that had been pitched for the WIOA law that runs the program. That is up for reauthorization in Washington. This went through the house. It has things that are good and not so good for us.

Kurt has been going around talking to Mayors and County Commissioners.

The Hiviz - Lisa Hutson

Lisa Hutson has been working out of Batesville, IN on a redevelopment project. This project includes housing, daycare, and education. Lisa was talking about how she might be able to announce it early next week to the community. The participants would get one year of job training and become DOL certified that the workers could take anywhere in the US to work.

Ivy Tech - Carol Brown

Carol Brown gave an update about an opportunity to help employees who need assistance understanding the language that is being spoken in the workplace. Also, this will help employees learn the expectations of the workplace. They are getting into historic preservation training. This is with hopes of in the future developing a heritage trade program. This will help provide skills that are very needed everywhere, especially in Jefferson County. They are offering free classes for Seniors to help them learn technology. She started Community Connections.

READI Grant - Bryan Robbins

Bryan Robbins gave an update about the READI Grant. Bryan talked about how they are teaming up with Shelby County on a Eli Lilly grant for child-care. They are working to come

up with a plan to implement regionally. They will be getting with RVR about this.

One Dearborn - Mike Perleberg

Mike Perleberg gave an update on One Dearborn. Mike talked about a Southeast Indiana Wage and Benefit Survey. This was their first time doing this survey. They did a news release with the results from the survey. The results that they found was that 9 out of 10 employers in the Region a crossed Dearborn, Franklin, and Ripley County had intentions in maintaining or increasing their employment level. They also found some results that were red flags and that is that some companies considered scaling down. They also went for the FFSA grant for Child-care.

AirPark Columbus College Campus: Employment Engagement - Phillip Folies

Phillip Folies gave a presentation about Airpark Columbus College Campus. There is Employment Engagement, this supports 8 counties, and this also helps students get a higher education. It is IvyTech, Purdue Polytechnic Institute Columbus, and IUPUC. This is held out of IUPUC.

Budget

Carla Crowe gave the review of the budget through February. The total funding available is just over \$7.8M. Overall planned expenses are just over \$7.1M. Planned carry-in for PY23 is \$722,805. \$500,153 of that is WIOA funds and the rest are unrestricted and unobligated funds, to help carry into the next program year.

The second page of the report shows revenue received so far and the budget compared to actual expenses. The benchmark is 57%. The current overall grant usage is 38%. In actual expenses, the Executive Staff expenses are 66%. The Service Provider is at 43%. The WorkOne expenses are at 61%. The Board expenses are at 11%. The overall expenses are at 45%. The overall WIOA expenditure rate is at 51%. In school and out of school rates are at 24% and 76% respectively. Current direct client services are at 20%. Carla has no concerns of being over-budgeted. The third page is this program year versus last program year in graph form. The last page is a breakdown of the Executive Staff and Service Provider budgets.

Financials were approved by email vote.

Carla also gave the Financial Audit Report. In total for the last program year was \$4.2M. For Federal Expenditures the total was \$2.9M. There were no material weaknesses or deficiencies that were identified. She says we are considered low-risk auditees.

River Valley Resources - Brad Wood

Brad Wood gave an update on River Valley Resources. Total clients case managed year-to-date were 549, with 218 of these being new enrollments. The Dislocated Worker enrollments are a little lower due hopefully looking to get that back up. The VOS counts increased in November

for office attendance. The H-1B grant has 130 clients currently enrolled. The Quest grant has 186 clients enrolled. The region is exceeding goals for the Workforce Ready grant, with targets for completion at 80% and certification rate at 70%, and the region already at 100% for both.

There are currently 529 students enrolled in the JAG program. This does not include the kids that are currently in follow-up. After the other seven programs come aboard in August the number of students enrolled should be right around 700 students' total.

Brad gave updates about JAG Expansion. They hired a Greensburg Highschool Specialist, North Decatur Specialist, and South Decatur Specialist. They have interviews set up for Madison Consolidated, Southwestern, JacCenDel, and Medora. They also have a JAG Special Programs Manager interview scheduled. This person will help with the JAG related initiatives.

In the Career development Conference Shelby Williams from Milan High School placed 1st in Public Speaking. Angel Tunny from South Ripley High School placed 1st in Writing Skills. Bryce Miller from Madison Consolidated places 1st in Financial Literacy. Isaiah Lee and Piper Twiggs from Franklin County placed 3rd in Entrepreneurship Plan. Kelsey Halpain from Lawrenceburg High School was an Outstanding Senior Honorable Mention.

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