

Minutes

Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board Meeting

June 6, 2024
10:00 am – 11:30 pm

Online via Zoom

Board Members Online: Patti Yount, Gary Norman, Jon Bond, Kevin Turner, Bryan Robbins, Sonja White, Stephanie Spillman, Denise Smith, Daniel Noel, Jenny Moss
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, Stephanie Perkins, and Mariah Brison

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved by email vote.

One Stop to Start - Kristen Barry

Kristen from the Governor's Workforce Cabinet gave an update on One Stop to Start. On the Governor's agenda for 2024, Workforce development is placed very highly as a priority. This was with the ultimate goal of connecting employers and individuals together to strengthen the economy. This program also gives referrals that are personalized to the individuals that are in need of it. They tend to focus on more of the warm-handoffs. This program targets individuals from age 25 to 45. They have nearly 200 contacts from every region. There are 5,941 total candidates, while there are 221 total employers. Phase 2 was technically launched in May, but it is still being explored.

Executive Staff Updates - Kurt Kegerreis

Kurt gave the Executive Staff report. The team is extremely busy in the Region. There will be a JAG Announcement Event in Greensburg on 6/12. Board members are more than welcome to attend. The Annual All-Staff meeting will be held in North Vernon on 6/14. Board members are more than welcome to attend that as well.

The CHE2 grant was received. This will help with getting into the Middle and Elementary schools for JAG. The grant also allows the Board to get a New Operations FTE. There are two other new grants pending. The team applied for a Pathways to Success grant and also submitted a proposal for SCSEP. The Region applied for the National Slots, which would be about \$14M. Kurt hopes to hear back from that one any day.

Kurt is waiting for an update on the North Vernon office. The building has been sold, and he is engaging with the new owners to see about maintaining our presence in the North Vernon

office.

Stephanie Perkins went to San Antonio to present at the National Association of Workforce Development conference. She presented about the work that the Board is doing to prepare justice-involved and the recover community for employment success. She presented on Pre-Apprenticeships with Region 10.

TAA is going to be phased out. WIOA allocations are slightly better than expected. WIOA is up for reauthorization. It has passed the house and is now at the Senate. The concern for this is that 50% of the funds would need to be spent on training.

READI - Gary Norman

Gary Norman gave an update on the READI grants. He asked that people please be patient, as it changes daily. The changes received from IEDC are pushed out as they are received.

River Valley Resources - Brad Wood

Brad Wood gave an update on River Valley Resources. He shared VOS counts for office foot traffic, which was down in May. They are doing well on WIOA Adult, but not as well in WIOA DW and Youth. All the goals have been met so far except for DW Measurable Skills Gain. The Quest Grant has 213 individuals enrolled currently. The H1B Rural Healthcare Grant has 135 enrolled currently. They are currently asking for more slots because it is doing so well.

Veteran Services is doing extraordinarily well. The Region's LVER contacted 79 businesses, 20 of which were new businesses and 225 services were provided. The DVOPs provided 600 services to 60 veteran job seekers, and 20 obtained employment during the quarter.

The Region's TAA Engagement Coordinator, Amanda Smith, put in her notice of securing other employment as of June 7th being her last day of employment. The participants will be managed by other TAA Engagement Coordinators in the State. There is still a requirement of 75% TAA and WIOA program co-enrollments.

For the Business Services Team, there are no WARN notices. For the NextLevel Jobs 5.0 Grant, they requested \$242,984, and invoiced \$13,550. For the 6.0 Grant, they requested \$335,501, and invoiced \$11,556. For the 7.0 Grant they requested \$452,980. They Invoiced \$104,480.

Madison WorkOne won Best Employment Services again.

JAG met 6 of 6, giving out \$2M in scholarships. JAG Expansion Wave 2 hires are complete. New programs in Bartholomew County will begin in January. These positions will be posted in August.

Budget

Carla Crowe gave the review of the budget through April 30. The total funding available is almost \$8.6M. Overall planned expenses are just over \$8.1M. Planned carry-in for PY23 is \$464,220. \$222,653 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 82%. The current overall grant usage is 38%, but many grants do not expire at the end of the program year. In actual expenses, the Executive Staff expenses are 82%. The Service Provider is at 45%. The WorkOne expenses are at 78%. The Board expenses are at 17%. The overall expenses are at 48%. The overall WIOA expenditure rate is at 65%. In school and out of school rates are at 24% and 76% respectively. Current direct client services are at 28%. Carla has no concerns of being over-budgeted. The third page is this program year versus last program year in graph form.

Financials were approved by email vote. Carla also requested approval to procure Audit and Tax Services. This was also approved by email vote.

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