

WCDC Board Meeting

August 15, 2024

Board Chair Catherine Williams called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call by Introduction and Sign-In Sheet.

In-Person:

Catherine Williams
Jeremy Jones
Bill Montgomery
Patty Whitworth
Teresa Boehm
Robert Quarton
Betty Scheldt
Gordon Rahe
Rich Wendel
Matt Jones
Marsha Mueller
Chris Casey
Ben Beckwith

Remote:

Approval of Minutes

Catherine Williams asked the board to approve the May 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes included in the meeting packet.

Motion: It was moved by Patty Whitworth, seconded by Jeremy Jones to approve the May 23, 2024, WCDC Meeting Minutes as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried. "

Membership Update

Matt Jones announced that Teresa Boehm, Shelby County, has been appointed to the WCDC Board. Teresa is familiar with the Job Center and its function. The organizational charts have been updated to reflect Teresa Boehm's appointment to the board. The current officer terms expired July 1, 2024. Matt asked for volunteers for an Officer Nominating Committee. Volunteers for the Nominating Committee are Robert Quarton, Jeremy Jones and Patty Whitworth.

Motion: It was moved by Gordon Rahe to accept Jeremy Jones, Robert Quarton and Patty Whitworth to serve as the Nominating Committee for Officers, seconded by Teresa Boehm to approve the Nominating Committee for Officers as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

Fiscal Officer Ben Beckwith directed the board to page 2 of his report, which is a breakdown of the current funding and PY 24 Budget. Ben stated that there was an overall 8% increase in formula funding. Ben asked the board to approve the final PY 24 Budget as presented in the packet.

Motion: It was moved by Robert Quarton, seconded by Bill Montgomery to approve the PY 24 Budget as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.

Ben went over the Fiscal Report, Quest 1 & 2, and the Supplemental Grant Reports presented in the packet. Ben stated they were waiting for approval of the \$190,000 Home Illinois Grant (homeless). Catherine Williams asked what the goals are for the homeless grant and Ben explained this grant would allow the agency to offer supportive services, books, etc. to the homeless population that would most likely not be served through normal funding streams. Four of our counties will be included in this grant. Ben also reviewed the Key Financial Metrics, 80% Obligations, Adult & Dislocated Direct Training, Youth Work Experience, Youth Out of School, Budgets, Obligated Budgets; and Projected Overhead Costs Reports, all of which are included in the meeting packet. Ben went over the PY 24 Budget and updated the board, Ben explained how "Carry Over Dollars" works and where the funding comes from. Ben reminded the board that participant mileage will be revisited in November. Staff insurance and staff retirement plans will also be reviewed in November. Staff will receive a 4% salary increase in October, retroactive back to July 1st.

Executive Director's Report:

Matt updated the board on the Incumbent Worker Project for Ronk Electrical. Matt explained that 7-10 workers would receive the training and the certification they will receive from the training. This training would make the employees marketable, and they would maintain the certification. Matt presented the Performance Managers Report as presented in the packet.

Motion: It was moved by Daniel Bates, seconded by Val Harris to approve the Incumbent Worker Project as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.

Matt explained the 15 performance measures the state uses as their score-card. Matt stated staff did a great job and exceeded all 15 measures. The Core A Services Report is also included in the packet. The Core A Services reflect the number of services provided in the job centers. These services are services offered other than training. Matt noted that Job Center traffic has picked up and some offices are seeing migrant workers in their facilities. An update was given on the Walmart Grant and the Home Illinois Grant application. IDES UI and Labor Market Reports were also included in the packet. Participant success stories are included in the packet and there are 15-20 success stories on the WCDC Website. The three success stories that are included in the packet are from Shelby County. Patti Sellers and Connie Pitts were awarded plaques in recognition for 40 years of service. Ronk and a Shelby County participant will be honored in the IWP state awards media information. Matt stated that the WCDC is still looking at bringing back economic development and this could include up to 9 counties. Matt is waiting to hear from Greene and Shelby Counties as to whether they are interested in being a part of the Economic Development Designation process. All of this revolves on completing a 5-year CEDS document. The WCDC would be there to assist organizations with economic development grants, projects and other related services.

Program Manager's Report:

Chris directed the board to the LWIA 21 CEO and LWIB Program Oversight Charts included in the packet. The Oversight Report reflects customers served & Chris explained the exit and follow-up procedures. Chris introduced his new charts and graphs for tracking participants. The Program Breakdowns by Education Provider, Paid Work Experience, etc. were included in the meeting packet. Lincoln Land Community College may possibly be offering Truck Driver Training at the Litchfield Campus. Chris included a list of events that staff have attended and participated in. Graham Correctional Facility will be hosting a Re-Entry event that Chris and staff are planning on attending at the end of September. Chris went over the usage numbers for the WCDC Website.

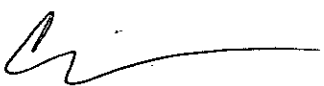
Public Comment

No Public Comment

The next WCDC Meeting will be held November 21, 2024.

Adjournment

Motion: It was moved by Robert Quarton, seconded by Jeremy Jones to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.



Date: 11/21/24