

Mid America Workforce Investment Board Meeting
February 18, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Rich Sauget Jr.	Carol Foreman	Lisa Atkins
Joe Heinzmann	Ken Keeney	Keith Nordike
Mary Pulliam	William Reichmann	Darlene Roy
Tony White	Larry McLean	Susan Chapman-Schultz
Donna Richter	Matt Gomric	Jeff Huch
Terrie Kurwicky	Delbert Wittenauer	

Staff:

Terry Beach	Rick Stubblefield
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Officials:

Bob Fix, Chairman, Clinton County Board of Commissioners

Guests:

Vickie Niederhofer	Jennifer Johnson	DeLesia Washington
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Chairman Sauget called the meeting to order at 8:40a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

There were no comments on the agenda.

Chairman Sauget introduced Mary Pulliam as a new board member. Ms. Pulliam is with the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department and Coordinates CSBG and LIHEAP services.

Rick Stubblefield reported for the System Development and Oversight Committee. WIOA regulations have not been finalized. Guidance from DCEO concerning WIOA implementation continues to trickle in as DOL issues policy. The board was updated on the regional planning process that is currently underway. All of the partners seem to be working well together. A small group is ready to begin the writing process. There is a regional planning summit scheduled for February 23rd and 24th in Springfield. The board was also updated on MOU negotiations. The state agencies have appointed individuals to negotiate on their behalf. Title 1B and the Trade Adjustment Act negotiators are to be an individual designated by the local board chair. After discussion the Executive Committee suggested Chairman Sauget appoint Rick Stubblefield to negotiate on behalf of Title 1B and the Trade Adjustment Act. Mr. Stubblefield went on to say that while some areas have begun the negotiation process we are waiting for guidance from the state. Some of the areas that still need to be decided are partners mandated to have a physical presence in the One Stop, areas that can be considered in kind payment, method of partner participation via technology and what constitutes full time equivalency. The board was also informed that the East Alton IDES office will be closing and that the Belleville office will be the only office in the region for walk in service which will lead to an increase in traffic. This will also increase IDES staff at the Belleville office.

Darlene Roy reported for the Marketing Committee the board was updated on the Manufacture Your Future and Craft Your Future Campaigns. Staff continues to promote both campaigns through speaking engagements. Ms. Roy also informed the board that the Marketing Committee had discussed moving the Recognition event from the April Board meeting to the August meeting. There are concerns that the April meeting may be very busy with transition business including MAWIB By-Laws, MOU and Youth Provider negotiations. A contract has been signed and preparation is underway for the 2016 Jobs Plus event the event will be held September 15th at the Gateway Center in Collinsville. Once again we are working with Madison County on this event. Ms. Roy went on to say that this has become one of the premier job fairs in the region.

Larry McLean reported for the Youth Council. The board was updated on the progress of the providers. Mr. McLean told the Committee that MERS/Goodwill and SWIC are doing well. Both are on track to meet their contracted enrollments. Midwest Career Source (MCS), our new provider, is not projected to meet their enrollment goals due to the late start while funds were being held up at the state. MCS will also not be expending their entire grant. Mr. McLean went on to say we still believe MCS is a viable provider. Staff continues to work with MCS and MCS is very cooperative and responsive to staff requests. Mr. McLean informed the board that the Youth Council and Executive Committee recommend Youth Provider contracts be extended to current providers for next year. Mr. McLean made a motion that staff be able to negotiate with current providers for next year's contracts. Delbert Wittenauer asked about new providers being able to participate. Rick Stubblefield said that a request for proposal was issued last year and the current providers were picked from those that responded to that request. At the boards discretion contracts can be extended up to three years before a new request for proposal must be issued. Parties interested in becoming part of the process are welcome to contact staff. Mr. Wittenauer then seconded the motion, Chairman Sauget called for a vote and the motion carried. Mr. McLean went on to inform the board that Vicki Niederhofer with IDES has been updating the approved apprenticeship list.

Chairman Sauget reported for the Executive Committee, noting previous reports were reflective of the Executive Committee meeting. Chairman Sauget briefed the board on the need to transfer funds from the 1A funding stream to 1D. The Chairman said this is normal occurrence and requested up to \$300,000 be approved. The Chairman discussed closure of the Granite City Steel plant and the effect it will have on this region citing not only the employees but area businesses that support the plant. The Chairman presented two Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) projects. The first for Progressive Recovery, Inc. (PRI) this is a follow up to a project recently completed by PRI. The first phase had been very successful helping the company improve quality and efficiencies. The second phase will focus on a smaller group of key employees and be geared more to in depth problem solving with a slant toward the company making international in roads. The cost of the second phase is \$43,600.00. Chairman Sauget went on to present the second request for help to establish a functioning production system based on Lean principals for The Perfect Mound. The Perfect Mound is a five year old company manufacturing a patent pending pitching mound for use in both youth and adult baseball venues. Demand for the product is beginning to exceed production capabilities and the company is looking for assistance with efficiency training. Chairman Sauget acknowledged that he is a principal in the company however he was unaware of the request for IWT until contacted by Rick Stubblefield. Chairman Sauget went on to give some of the particulars of the company and issues they are encountering with growth. Ms. Roy informed the board that Chairman Sauget had recused himself from the vote at the Executive Committee. The amount requested is \$6790.00.

Rick Stubblefield presented the operations report. The board reviewed performance noting all goals are being met or exceeded. Mr. Stubblefield went on to present the quarterly services report as well as the financial reports. All operation reports indicate the program is on target.

Chairman Sauget called for a vote on the consent agenda consisting of approval of minutes from the August 6 and October 22, 2015 meetings, youth provider contract extension negotiations, incumbent worker training grants as presented, transfer up to \$300,000 from the Adult to the Dislocated Worker funding stream and approval of the 2016 MAWIB meeting calendar. On a motion by Ken Keeney with a second from Matt Gomric the consent agenda was approved.

Being no further business on a motion by Ms. Roy with a second from William Reichmann the meeting was adjourned at 9:10.