

Mid America Workforce Investment Board Meeting
October 20, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Rich Sauget, Jr., Chair	Jill VanZandt	Delbert Wittenauer	Susan Schultz
Larry McLean	Annissa McCaskill	Ken Keeney	Donna Richter
Keith Nordike	Matt Gomric	Tony White	
Carol Foreman	James Rakers	William Reichmann	

Staff:

Terry Beach	Rick Stubblefield	Linda Vanderpluym
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Chief Elected Officials:

Robert Fix, Chairman Clinton County Board of Commissioners
Dr. Marc Kiehna, Chairman Randolph County Board of Commissioners

Guests:

Vicki Niederhofer	Dawn Swift	Felicia Jones
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Chairman Sauget called the meeting to order at 8:35a.m. A quorum was established.

The Chairman called for comment on the agenda. There were none.

Rick Stubblefield presented the System Development and Oversight report. Rick Stubblefield reported that Pam Dougherty is continuing to update the MOA to be compliant with WIOA. The board was informed that WIOA implementation monitoring is being conducted by DOL. Economic Development Region 9 (EDR 9) has been selected by DOL for WIOA implementation monitoring. EDR 9 was the only region in the state chosen. Monitoring was initially scheduled for the week of October 3rd but has been postponed to the week of November 14th. The Core Partner Group is meeting to plan for this event. The committee discussed ADA equipment located in the Belleville One-Stop. Susan Chapman Schultz will be putting staff in contact with individuals that can help evaluate and train staff on the ADA equipment as well as blind services. The board was informed that cross training is being done for front line partner staff. Partners are working to establish a series of training date to ensure everyone has an opportunity to attend. The Regional and Local plans as well as the MOU have been reviewed by the Interagency Work Group. All of the document will require some changes.

In Darlene Roy's absence Rick Stubblefield reported for the Marketing Committee. The marketing committee would like to begin to work on some type of informational message to educate the public about WIOA and the differences between WIA and WIOA. The recognition event held on August 4th at the Shrine was reviewed. The event was well received. It was noted that this year's recipients seemed to be more diverse and represented a better cross section of our participants. The Job's Plus event held September 15th at the Gateway Center in Collinsville was

also reviewed. While the number of job seekers was down, approximately 1000, the quality of job seeker seemed much improved. Employer surveys indicated that employers were very happy with the event. In response to the survey question ‘Approximately how many future job offers may be made as a result of the fair?’ Employer responses totaled 592 future job offers may be made as a result of the 2016 Job’s Plus event. The board was updated on the Manufacture/Craft your Future Campaign. Staff has been speaking to a number of groups including schools, chambers, teachers and guidance counselors. The event held at the SIUE East St. Louis campus in July was very well received so much so that staff will be presenting to the parents of those students on Saturday November 5th. Several events are also scheduled for Cahokia High School in October.

Larry McLean reported for the Youth Council. Mr. McLean informed the board that Adam Brown is the new WIOA Youth Program Specialist. Adam is working to bring consistency to the youth program noting that our programs are doing some really great things and we would like to capitalize on those things to promote our services. Mr. McLean went on to say that we do not want to be perceived as a staffing agency for part time jobs but rather as an organization that provided the type of services that will help participants move to a position where they will be able to be successful in life. The Council reviewed the provider enrollment report noting that the providers are for the most part on target, each provider targets a different sector of the youth populations so enrollments may spike at different times. The progress Midwest Career Source (MCS) is making in their second year as a youth provider was noted.

Mr. McLean went on to tell the Board that the Council had been updated on several projects including a follow up to the Manufacturing/Craft Day held in July at SIUE East St. Louis campus. A follow up event will be held Saturday November 5th and will be for the parents of the students that attended the July event. Staff is also making presentations to the teachers and guidance counselors at Cahokia High School and on October 24th will be meeting with each of the four classes to present the Manufacture/Craft Your Future campaign. Mr. McLean also informed the Board that our involvement in the Building Futures grant has been postponed until after the DOL visit.

Chairman Sauget gave the Executive Committee report noting that committee reports accurately reflected the Executive Committee meeting. The Chairman went on to update the board regarding election of officers and that he had asked Mr. McLean to chair the nomination committee.

Rick Stubblefield presented the operations report. The Board was informed that DCEO has not updated the performance measures in the IWDS system so we do not have an accurate report. We have negotiated new performance measures. Mr. Stubblefield went on to present the quarterly services report as well as the financial reports. The Board reviewed the Interagency Work Group report and discussed the required changes. Mr. McLean expressed his appreciation for all of the work the staff and partners have done to get to this point. The Board also reviewed the revised On the Job Training (OJT) policy as well as the Work Based Learning Policy. Mr. Stubblefield went on to inform the Board that he should have asked that a nomination committee be appointed to submit a slate of officers at the last meeting. The new by-laws call for selection of officers at the October meeting. Mr. McLean Motioned that the current Officers term be extended until February 17, 2017 with a second by Mr. Nordike the motion carried.

Chairman Sauget called for a vote on the consent agenda which included Approval of minutes from the August 4, 2016 MAWIB meetings. Approval for required changes to the MOU, Regional & Local Plans, approval of OJT Policy, approval of Work Based Learning Policy and approval of 2017 MAWIB Calendar. On a motion from Mr. Keeney with a second by Mr. Nordike the consent agenda was approved.

Chairman Sauget called for comments from the floor. Ms. Niederhofer commented on the tremendous job local WIOA staff has done integrating the Career Information System (CIS) noting our area has done the best job in the state implementing CIS. Hearing no other comments the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion by Ms. Chapman-Schultz with a second from Mr. Keeney the meeting was adjourned at 9:25.