

Mid America Workforce Investment Board Meeting
February 16, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Rich Sauget, Jr., Chair	Vicky McElroy	Delbert Wittenauer	Susan Schultz
Larry McLean	Mary Pulliam	Ken Keeney	Mike Reed
Keith Nordike	Matt Gomric	Tony White	Angela Hubbard
Carol Foreman	James Rakers	William Reichmann	
Terrie Kurwicki	Darlene Roy	Lisa Atkins	

Staff:

Terry Beach	Rick Stubblefield	Linda Vanderpluym	Cindy Layman
Adam Brown			

Chief Elected Officials:

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

Guests:

Dawn Swift

The meeting was called to order at 8:40a.m. A quorum was established.

There were no comments on the agenda.

Mike Reed was introduced as the new board member from Randolph County replacing Cindy Jones. Mr. Reed thanked the board for welcoming him and gave a brief bio including his involvement with a variety of economic and workforce development entities.

Rick Stubblefield reported for the System Development and Oversight Committee noting that Senior Community Services Employment Programs are no longer being administered by AARP in Illinois. For Local Workforce Innovation Area 24 these services are now being administered by Caritas Family Solutions. A new host agreement has been signed so there should be no disruption to our senior workers at the One-Stop. It was also reported that per the Governors Guidelines Chairman Sauget has appointed Rick Stubblefield as the individual that will take the lead responsibility for negotiation of the MOU. Chairman Sauget has also appointed Ken Keeney to take lead responsibility for negotiation of the Comprehensive One-Stop infrastructure and local service delivery costs. Mr. Stubblefield said that a lengthy discussion regarding the logistics of moving the MOU and system cost negotiations forward ensued and it was decided that staff would request that Chairman Sauget appoint the Director of Adult Education at SWIC and possibly Kaskaskia College to this committee. Jill VanZandt will be providing building and system costs to the committee. WIOA staff will work with Chairman Sauget's appointment to begin the negotiation process Susan Chapman Schultz and Dawn Swift have been working with

DORS staff to evaluate current equipment and make recommendations on new equipment. ADA capabilities will be part of the MOU and center cost discussions.

In addition a referral form has been created that will be used by all partners throughout the region. The form is designed to help ensure that all inquirers will receive the same initial assessment for referral to appropriate programs.

Darlene Roy reported for the Marketing Committee. Ms. Roy told the board that the committee had been updated on WIOA transitions including MOU negotiations and the One Stop certification process. The committee was also made aware that Cindy Layman of the WIOA staff has been working with regional partners on business development. Ms. Layman is working with LWIA's 21 and 22 as well as St. Louis City and St. Louis County. The committee had discussed the 2017 recognition event and has decided to schedule it for the August meeting. The April meeting agenda will most likely be very full with MOU, One Stop certification and Operator procurement issues. Ms. Roy also briefed the board on several upcoming events. The Youth Entrepreneurship Summit and the Metro East Job Fair are two events the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department and MAWIB will be partnering with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to sponsor. The board was updated on efforts being made to partner with SIUE East St. Louis Campus. The Illinois Pathways Grant application has been submitted and talks are underway to partner on the Building the Future Grant.

Larry McLean reported for the Youth Council. Mr. McLean said that the Youth Council had been updated on youth provider programs. MCS is very close to meeting their contracted goal. Because MCS is relatively new to the process staff continues to offer technical assistance in the areas of exits and follow up. MERs/Goodwill has completed enrollment in several of their contracted Counties however is behind in others. The MER's program director has been communicating with staff and has submitted a plan to reach their contracted enrollment numbers. SWIC is behind in both St. Clair and Randolph Counties. Staff will be reaching out to SWIC to develop a plan to meet their contracted enrollment goals. Mr. McLean went on to say that the Council had been advised that this was the second year of potentially three years on the current RFP. Policy allows up to three years before a new RFP must be offered. The Council had a lengthy discussion regarding contract extensions for next year. The discussion included the RFP process as well as moving to a pay for performance model for youth providers. The Council recommended contracts be extended one more year. The Council requested that staff research the pay for performance model as an option for next year's RFP.

Mr. McLean also reported for the Nomination Committee. Mr. McLean thanked the members of the committee and presented the committee's slate of officers. Second Vice Chair Tony White, First Vice Chair Darlene Roy and Chairman Richard Sauget, Jr. Mr. McLean called for additional nominations from the floor. Calling for additional nominations for Second Vice Chair three times and hearing none on a motion by Mr. Keeney with a second by Mr. Wittenauer nominations for Second Vice Chair were closed. Mr. McLean called for additional nominations from the floor for First Vice Chair. Calling for additional nominations for First Vice Chair three times and hearing none on a motion by Mr. Nordike with a second by Mr. Gomric nominations for Second Vice Chair were closed. Mr. McLean called for additional nominations from the floor for Chairman. Calling for additional nominations for Chairman three times and hearing none on a motion by Mr. Wittenauer with a second by Mr. Gomric nominations for Chairman were

closed. Mr. McLean presented the slate of officers once again and called for a vote. On a motion from Mr. Gomric with a second by Mr. Keeney the motion carried.

The operations report including the quarterly services report and financials was presented to board.

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 on its responsibility in procuring a One-Stop Operator. Because one of the options for One-Stop Operator is the consortium model we currently use and several members of the board would be part of that consortium, it was suggested that a consultant be retained to work with the board on Operator procurement and selection. Some discussion was had regarding retaining an outside entity for the procurement process. It was noted that the consultants would work in conjunction with a committee appointed by the Chairman.

Chairman Sauget called for a vote on the consent agenda which included Approval of minutes from the October 20, 2016 MAWIB meetings. Approval for Youth Provider contract extensions. Approval for hiring a consultant to facilitate One Stop Operator procurement. Approval for the Executive Committee to act on the boards behalf for the MOU negotiations, One Stop certification and One Stop Operator procurement. On a motion by Ms. Roy with a second from Mr. Keeney the consent agenda was approved.

Chairman Sauget called for comments from the floor, hearing none the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion by Mr. White with a second from Mr. Reichmann the meeting was adjourned at 9:30.