



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 24, 2022
8:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Zoom Meeting URL:

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Present: Karen Stoneman, Andrew Warrington, Carrie Espinosa, Dennis Kessler, Arlene Santo-George, Lori Suddick, Jennifer Harris, Jennifer Serino, Mary Ross-Cunningham, Laura Crivlare, Tim Dempsey, Carlotta Roman, Noelle Kischer-Lepper, Steve Smart, Kristie Long, Kathy Nellis, Patrick Statter, Ann Maine, Carla Schroeder, Pastor Eugene Roberson, Jose Fischer, Sandie Tran, Julie Savit, Daryl Raider, Mike Karner, Dane Morgan, Troy McIntosh, Michael Darling

Absent: Christine Hammerlund, Emily Garrity, Kevin Considine, Kim Wimer

I. Call to Order Karen Stoneman, Committee Chairman

*Meeting called to order at 8:01a.m.
Roll Call was taken.
Verified a quorum.*

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Chairman's Report Karen Stoneman

Welcome new Lake County Workforce Development Board Member, Sandra Tran, Vice President, Human Resources at Medline Industries, Inc. Robyn Safron is moving west and has resigned from the Workforce Development Board.

IV. Consent Agenda

Approve:

- 1. November 2021 Board Meeting Minutes [Attachment A](#)
- 2. Board Service Policy 15 - Support Services Modifications [Attachment B](#)

Accept:

- 1. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Comprehensive and Accessible Reemployment through Equitable Employment Recovery (CAREER) Dislocated Worker Grant in the amount of \$528,500. [Attachment C](#)
- 2. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) grant in the amount of \$32,907.24 [Attachment D](#)

Review:

1. Lake County Workforce Development Grant Reports
 - Grant Expenditure Report
 - WIOA Youth Plan Report

Attachment E
Attachment F

*Action: Member Ross-Cunningham made a motion to approve the Consent agenda.
Member Roberson seconded the motion.*

No discussion or corrections.

A roll call was taken. Motion carried.

V. Regional and LWIA 1 Local Plan Modifications

Regional Plan: [HERE](#)
Local Plan: [HERE](#)

- **Family Centered Coaching**
Amber Wilson, Consultant, The Prosperity Agenda
- **Partner Update:** IBEW Local Union 150 – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Steven Smart, Business Development Coordinator, IBEW Local Union 150
- **Lake County Workforce Development Communication and Marketing Year in Review**
George Dimotakis, President & CEO, Pat Davis Design Group
- **Lake County Workforce Development Business Service Team**
Antonio Garcia, Business Services Manager, Lake County Workforce Development

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic impacted program delivery. The solution was to create Virtual Workshops, utilize Zoom, and Teams software. The public computers were spaced six feet apart. Reduced the number of customers in the Job Center at one time. These and other solutions were implemented and have been successful in the past two years.

Workforce Development frontline staff will begin Family-Center Coaching(FCC) training in April 2022. FCC is designed to support individuals, who set their own goals to achieve within their family context. Individuals complete goals at their pace. Staff do not create goals or set the pace to achieve the goals of the individuals. The human-centered approach offers a way for the person to succeed, not the program.

The U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program for electrical workers are eligible for paid On-the-Job Training. Curriculum for electrical apprenticeship will earn the participant a portable nationally recognized industry certification. You do not have to know electricity or electrical experience, or have a college degree to be accepted into the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 150. Electricians are in high demand due to the Federal Infrastructure Bill and the Illinois Clean Energy Jobs Act. Some outreach plans for electrical apprenticeships will be Career Fairs, high schools, community connections, Youth Build Lake County and the Lake County Tech Campus.

The communication and marketing contractor, Pat Davis Design Group, Inc. first year review. Created and implemented branding with a new logo, Web Design, Social Media, E-Newsletter, Print Collateral and Public Relations. The redesigned website launched in August 2021 <https://www.lakecountyworkforce.org/>. Workforce Development social media platforms are Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Youtube which are updated with the new branding. Work is in progress to measure virtual and physical engagement on social media platforms and add information about our services, and other measurable data.

Our region is committed to approaching our work with an equity lens. WIOA-funded training from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. A total of 17,861 job seekers funded for training/education. Job seekers total wages after training were \$199,625,855. A total of 277,391 job seekers served.

The Career National Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) will serve up to 33 individuals by August 2023. The grant is for individuals unemployed or receiving unemployment due to the company relocation. The Mobile Job Center sites will bring Job Center Services to underserved communities. The communities with a high unemployment rate will be targeted first. The mobile sites are North Chicago Library, Catholic Charities and the Legacy Foundation in Waukegan, plus Zion Township.

The Career DWG will be utilized to fund a LCWD Business Services Project Lead (100%) and a contingent worker as well as a Business and Career Specialist (100%).

VI. Updates and Information

1. National Association of Workforce Boards
 - [2022 FORUM](#): April 11th - 14th
2. Illinois [2022 WIOA Summit](#): April 28th – 29th
3. One Stop Operator for Illinois Local Workforce Development Area 1 Request for Proposal - closed Tuesday, February 22, 2022

VII. Upcoming Board Meeting

1. Workforce Development Board Meeting – April 28, 2022 at 8:00 AM

Governor Pritzker lifting the mandate for virtual public meetings. Members will have the option of Attending virtual but only in-person attendees' will be counted in the quorum. Only in-person attendees' will have their votes counted. The first in-person meeting will be April 28th.

Laura Gergely, Member Stoneman and Jennifer Serino will coordinate logistics considering commutes for Board Members. The location information will be emailed to you by Laura Gergely.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Roberson to adjourn the meeting. Member Kessler seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.