



Executive Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 10th, 2022, at 8:15 AM
College of Lake County – Southlake Campus

Present: Andrew Warrington, Tim Dempsey, Ann Maine, Dennis Kessler, Jennifer Serino, Lori Suddick, Kim Wimer, Carlotta Roman

I. Call to Order Kim Wimer, Vice Chairwoman

*The meeting was called to order at 8:22 A.M.
A quorum was verified.*

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Chairwoman’s Report Kim Wimer

No report.

IV. Consent Agenda

Approve:

- June 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes [Attachment A](#)

Action: Member Dempsey motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Serino seconded the motion.

No discussions or corrections.

All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Old Business

1. Lake County Workforce Development Strategic Budget Discussion [Attachment B](#)

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA) Funding
- Other Non-Formula Grants
- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

WIOA funding for PY '21 – '22 totals \$16 million of formulary and non-formulary grants. Workforce Development will receive a non-formulary grant of \$3.6 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The ARPA grant is not for wages, fringe benefits, and direct training costs. The WD non-formulary grants are allocated to 82% training and 18% for personnel expenses.

Formulary grants go through DCEO. The formulary grant-base allocation is 2 years. An application is usually required for non-formulary grants. Non-formulary grants we receive are funds for Covid-19 Tracers, Opioid crisis, and Women of Color. The State of Illinois holds back 25% and Lake County holds back 12%. We are one of only two Workforce Development agencies who have a 12% hold back. The WD Board will draft a letter to the Lake County Board to ask for the 12% not be held back. The savings would be approximately \$200,000 - \$300,000. These funds would allow us to serve more customers.

2. DCEO Joint Monitoring Final Findings – July 25, 2022

There were a few findings identified. The findings included the areas of Fiscal Monitoring, Programmatic Monitoring, and Trade Adjustment Assistance. No systemic problems were found. The final monitoring report from DCEO will be sent sometime in September.

VI. Updates and Information

1. DOL DWG QUEST Application

The DOL DWG Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Grant will server 35 participants. The DOL has stopped accepting new applications as of July 1, 2022. Participants will have work-based training in the Public Sector at Lake County Departments, Municipalities, and Local agencies. Disaster Relief Employment is also available for participants.

2. Board Membership Appointments and Reappointments - September 2022

Currently, the appointments and reappointments are being updated. Arlene Santos-George, Michelle Vaughn and Emily Garrity have resigned from the WD Board. Karen Stoneman retired from the WD Board in May. Thank you departing members for your contributions and service to the WD board are greatly appreciated.

3. Board Equity Task Force – Vice Chair, Dr. Carlotta Roman

Equity Task force is working on a strategic plan for future initiatives.

4. Business Engagement Task Force – Antonio Garcia

This will be a new task force for workforce solutions, training, and the Ecosystem. The task force will strategize on ways to connect employers to potential employees.

VII. Upcoming Board & Committee Meetings

1. Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 8:15 AM

2. Workforce Development Board Meeting – Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 8:00 AM

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be September 14th and the next board meeting will be held on September 22nd. The location of these meetings will be determined.

VIII. Adjournment

Member Maine motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Dempsey seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M.