



**Talent Pipeline & Employer Connections
Joint Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 9:00 AM**

Location:
University Center of Lake County
1200 University Center Drive, Grayslake, IL 60030

Present: Kim Wimer, Jennifer Everett, Pete Govorchin, Ann Maine, Steve Smart, Antonio Garcia, Dennis Kessler, Michael Karner, Chris Hammerlund, Myra Gaytan-Morales

Absent: Jennifer Serino, Lorenzo Bess, Maria Colunga, Tim Kirschner, Kristi Long, Ali O’Brien, Eric Pfligler, Gina Smith, Maria Elena Jonas, Gina Schuyler, Kevin Considine, Troy McIntosh, Emily Garrity, Sylvia Johnson, Noelle Kischer, Eric Kurtz, Julie Savitt, Carrie Espisona, Pete Govorchin, Mary Ross-Cunningham

I. Call to OrderKim Wimer, Chairwomen

The meeting was called to order at 9:04am.

There is not a quorum.

II. Public Comment

No public comment

III. Chairwoman’s ReportKim Wimer

No report.

IV. Consent Agenda

- Joint Committee Meeting - March Meeting Minutes [Attachment A](#)

No quorum. This item will be on the October meeting agenda.

V. New Business

- Lake County Workforce Development Business Service PY21 Year End Report
Antonio Garcia, Business Services Manager,
Lake County Workforce Development

The Business Services team connects with employers for workforce solutions, training, and Ecosystem (IDES, CLC, Tech Campus, Lake County Partners, Job center). WIOA funds the salary for work-experience and on-the-job training for 6 months or 1,000 hours. The employer does not pay the incumbent workers’ salary. The benefit to the employer includes observing the individual’s skills and if it’s a good fit for their company.

Lake County has an unemployment rate of 3.9%. Lake County account for 121,239 Millennials age 25-39: The national average based on an area this same size is close to 143,000. The 'retiring soon' population in Lake County is over 200,000 individuals. We need to engage young adults to come into the Job Center for services. Key priority cities are Round Lake Beach, Waukegan, Zion.

Over 830 employers reached out to Business Services and posted 543 Jobs. There were 1,255 Virtual Information Session applicants and a total of 77 work experiences. About 150 employees trained. Through Workforce Development handled 9 Rapid Response events and 423 affected employees were reached. We mainly serve small to midsize companies.

The 2nd Annual Job Fair will be held September 27, 2022, at the Marriott Lincolnshire Resort. The 2021 job fair had over 60 employers and 100+ job seekers attend. The Job Center on the Move program brings job center services to the communities most in need. Some services include career transition, resume assistance, explore paid work experiences and connect individuals to funding for training (WIOA grant).

The Business Engagement Taskforce supports employers through engagement activities. The industry snapshot focus is on professional services and healthcare. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will fund 150 work experiences. Upskill job seekers from historically marginalized communities to connect to employment through innovative work-based learning opportunities.

- Lake County Workforce Development Youth PY21 Year End Report
Jennifer Everett, Youth Manager
Lake County Workforce Development

We received a waiver from DCEO on the PY'20 WIOA Youth Formulary grant to carry forward more than 20% of unexpended funds. The \$765,027 in PY'20 grant funds were carried forward and adds to the PY'21 grant for a total of \$1,518,900 in grant funds.

The Program Administration overall plan outcomes were achieved. Increased the number of participants and spending in direct participant services. Youth Refresh Report was completed and published by the Workforce Development Board. Individual Training Account (ITA) effectiveness for short-term programs leading to credentials, such as CDL licenses. More industry partners are needed for on-the-training. The six priority Lake County communities for these serves are Waukegan, North Chicago, Mundelein, Round Lake, Zion, and Fox Lake.

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Myra Gaytan-Morales, Ph.D., Executive Director & Dean
University Center of Lake County

Not associated with CLC. University Center partners with 11 universities and over 100+Academic majors are available to complete bachelor's degrees. The center targets working adults and others who cannot attend day classes. For information contact awinfreyglende@ucenter.

- Updates and Information
Business Engagement Task Force – Antonio Garcia
Youth Task Force – Dr. Michael Karner

Four meetings this summer. Youth Provider Tour: Angel's Boxing Academy on Aug. 30th @6pm.

VI. Upcoming Dates

- Joint Committee Meeting – Tuesday, October 18th, 2022, at 9:00AM (TBD)
- Workforce Development Board Meeting – Thursday, September 22nd, 2022, at 8:00AM

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.