



Employer Connections Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 18th, 2022, at 9:00 AM

Job Center of Lake County
1 North Genesee Street, Waukegan, IL 60085

Present: Dennis Kessler, Julie Savitt, Carrie Espisona, Kevin Considine, Jennifer Serino, Carla Schroeder, Josh Fischer, Antonio Garcia, Noelle Kischer, Sylvia Johnson-Jones

Absent: Eric Kurtz, Mary Ross-Cunningham,

I. Meeting Opening

Call to Order.....Dennis Kessler, Acting Committee Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M.
A quorum was verified.

No Public Comment.

Chairperson's Report

- Welcome new members to the Lake County Workforce Development Board and committees.
Introductions of committee members
2022 Service Provider of the Year Award - Lake County Workforce Development
The Coalition to reduce recidivism presented Workforce Development with the 2022 Service Provider of the Year award. The award recognizes our work with community, Job Center partners, the the underserved and the justice impacted the Partner impacted Partner organization.

III. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approve the August 2022 Talent Pipeline and Employer Connections Joint Meeting Minutes Attachment A
2. Approve the Employer Connections Committee Meeting Schedule for 2023 Attachment B
3. Review the Volume 23 Edition 3 Workforce Brief.
4. Review the PY22 Business Services 1st Quarter Report Attachment C

- The PY22 Business Services worked with 280 companies reached, 50 job postings, and 30 employees trained. Business Services attended 403 Job Fairs for job seekers. The 2nd Annual Hire Lake County job fair welcomed 280 job seekers, 93 employers, and 15 candidates were offered an interview or hired on the spot. Business Services website section updated. The overall salaries for those who are employed is \$1.1 million!

Action: Member Considine motioned to approve the Consent Agenda items. Member Kirsner seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

## **VI. New Business**

### 1. [Discuss and Affirm Employer Connections Committee Charge](#)

- Promote the participation of employers in the workforce system.
  - Workforce Board members as Ambassadors
  - Industry Sector Work: Manufacturing and Healthcare
  - Identify Industry Champions
  - Develop a Unified Message

[Attachment D](#)

[Attachment E](#)

[Attachment F](#)

[Attachment G](#)

*In the process of putting together KPIs so Board members know the objectives. The business leaders make partnerships better. Promote the participation of manufacturing and healthcare industries. Create a unified message for ambassadors (all board and committee members) to get the message out about our services at Workforce Development. Set long term goals.*

## **VII. Updates and Information**

1. September 2022 Hire Lake County Job Fair

*Next job fair will be 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2023 at the Round Lake Civic Center*

## **VIII. Upcoming Board & Committee Meetings**

1. Employer Connections Committee Meeting – TBD
2. Workforce Development Board Meeting – November 17, 202 at 8:00AM

## **IX. Adjournment**

*Action: Member Johnson-Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Considine seconded the motion*

*Meeting adjourned at 10:02 A.M.*