

# Lake County Workforce Investment Board

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2015 -- 8:00 AM

Lake County Federation of Teachers Hall; 248 Ambrogio Dr.; Gurnee, IL 60031

**Present:** Kurt Beier, Jack Borders, Jack Borre, Timothy Dempsey, Chris Hammerlund, Jennifer Harris, Sue Huwe, Dennis Kessler, Todd Mundorf, Ali O'Brien, Carlotta Roman, Arlene Santos-George, Bonnie Schirato, Jennifer Serino Stasch, Jerry Weber, Roycealee Wood

**Absent:** Greg Burns, Sam Cade, Tony Figueroa, Emily Garrity, Noelle Kischer-Lepper, Halina Krajcer, Kristi Long, Maria Martinez-McKinley, Edward Melton, Audrey Nixon, Pete Olson, Victoria Schofield, Patrick Statter, Michael Stevens, Karen Stoneman, Andrew Warrington, Ann Willits

**Staff:** Gary Gibson, Bethany Williams, Jennifer Everett, Demar Harris, Sondra Haney, Claudia Uribe

### I. Call to Order

The meeting began at 8:11am.

### II. Approval of minutes

Upon a motion by Member Weber, which was seconded by Member Dempsey, the minutes were approved by a vote of the Board.

### III. Public Comment

None.

### IV. Chairman's Report

- Chairman Mundorf informed the Board that his final term as Chair will be ending on June 30, 2015. He will be forming a nominating committee to suggest new leadership for the Board. If any Board members are interested in leadership roles, they should talk to him, Vice Chair Schirato or Gary Gibson.

### V. Presentations

1. Overview of Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Grant
  - Sondra Haney presented an update on the DEI grant. Staff are continuing their outreach efforts and continue to identify new resources and partners. In addition, their case load has been building to over 50 individuals with disabilities. The Lake County Job Center is now part of the federal Employer Network, which means that it can receive federal funding incentives when we assist a qualified individual move from SSI or SSDI back into sustainable employment. Because Lake County is participating in the DEI grant pilot program, other community

organizations are eligible to receive additional grant funds to help support this work.

**VI. Old Business**

None.

**VII. New Business**

2. 2% Plan Modification WIOA Transition Funds
  - Gary Gibson presented the Plan Modification, which would set aside \$32, 200 of youth funds for WIOA transition activities.
  - Upon a motion from Member O'Brien, which was seconded by Member Kessler, the Plan Modification was approved by a vote of the Board.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

3. One Stop System Committee
  - Gary Gibson gave an overview of the Committee Reports.
4. Youth Council
  - Gary Gibson gave an overview of the Committee Reports.
5. Executive Committee
  - Gary Gibson gave an overview of the Committee Reports.

**IX. Staff Report – Information only**

6. NAWB Update
  - Member Dempsey shared that the NAWB Forum attendance is expected to be high, despite the late issuance of regulations related to WIOA.
7. Lake County Partners Update
  - Kevin Considine shared an updated on behalf of Lake County Partners including updates on new business investment, business retention activities, and a new initiative called "Lake County Life," which promotes the many factors that contribute to the County's high quality of life.
8. Challenges & Opportunities
  - Member Serino Stasch shared an update on the Lake County Community Foundation's Manufacturing Careers program. A working group has been established to help develop a program with YouthBuild to help youth with barriers to employment successfully prepare for careers in manufacturing.
  - Member Kessler shared that the Lake County Partners used to have a similar program for promising kids.

- Member Schirato shared that there seem to be three types of essential skills: 1) academic skills, 2) technical skills, and 3) “squishy” skills like communication, leadership, etc. Many employers struggle with how to assess or train “squishy” skills.

#### 9. Dashboard Report

- Member Serino Stash shared the most recent Dashboard. All grants are on track. The 1A and 1D grants were moving so quickly that they are now slowing down spending. The incentive funds might be used to fund programming in those areas.

#### 10. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Update

- Gary Gibson shared a matrix of transition objectives and tasks. Chairman Mundorf asked all Board Members to read the matrix and consider where they might be able to contribute. Staff will be reaching out to Board Members to get feedback and assistance.

#### 11. Assignment to Board

#### 12. Other Discussion Items

### **X. Next Meeting – March 26, 2015**

### **XI. Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Member Kessler, the meeting adjourned at 9:29am.