

IOWA PLAINS COMMITTEE

Date: July 11, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM

Facilitator: Holly Espenhover-Chair

IN ATTENDANCE

- Andrea Mann (Iowa Workforce Development)
- Andrew Sheffield (CJ Bio America)
- Brittney Gutzmann (Vocational Rehabilitation)
- Chelsie Dobney (UnityPoint Health)
- Elizabeth Waigand (Iowa Workforce Development)
- Faith Miller (Iowa Workforce Development)
- Holly Espenhover, Chair (UnityPoint Health)
- Kent Heronimus (Interstates)
- Linda Rouse (Iowa Workforce Development)
- N. Omar Valentine (Iowa Workforce Development)
- Pamela Woolridge (Western Iowa Tech Community College)
- Randall McQueeney (Iowa Workforce Development)
- Renea Anderson (Harrison County Development)
- Sara Blair (Country Maid)
- Tammi Erlbacher (Life Skills Connections)
- Teresa Larson-White (Iowa Workforce Development)
- Wanye Pantini (Southwestern Community College)

AGENDA

- **Center Updates (Linda Rouse)**
 - **Fort Dodge American Job Center**
 - Starting August 1, 2025, Iowa Plains Career Planners will be operating out of the local libraries due to the lease ending for the current location of the Fort Dodge American Job Center.
 - Utilizing Mobile Unit
- **One-Stop Operator Updates (Tammi Erlbacher)**
 - Positive responses to monthly survey given to individuals served by the Iowa Plains American Job Centers; Over 5,000 individuals served by the Iowa Plains American Job Centers for June 2025.
 - Mobile Unit has been utilized in seven different occasions during June 2025 to provide assistance and services for employment.

- **One Stop Certification (Linda Rouse)**
 - Iowa Plains team has attended and completed Iowa Plains One-Stop Certification (PY25-26) training.
 - Meeting with Iowa Plains American Job Center to complete internal One Stop Certification run through by September 30, 2025.
 - One Stop Certification process will require participation from Iowa Plains Executive Committee members areas such as self-assessments and site visits.
- **Title I Funding (Linda Rouse)**
 - One Stop Operator contract has been extended to oversee work-based learning programming and will serve as the Equal Employment Opportunity official.
 - Funding remains for spending in the areas of trainings and work-based learning opportunities for the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs.
- **Title I Success Story (Teresa Larson-White)**
 - Job Corps Participant
 - Thompson Solutions Group Apprenticeship Participant
- **Next Meeting**
 - August 8, 2025 / 8:30am – 9:30am