

**Minutes of the Region 15
Regional Workforce Investment Board**

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

RWIB Board Present: Brenda Dixon, Mike Graves, Justine Heffron, David Krutzfeldt, Edward Miller, Ann Stocker, Becky Schmitz, Ann Youngman, Pam Young, Martha Wick

RWIB Board Absent: None

Martha Wick called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

There was no public comment.

Martha Wick swore Brenda Dixon in as an RWIB member.

Approval of Agenda:

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes were approved with an amendment, since Brenda Dixon was listed as present and was not.

Finance Committee Report:

Financial performance was presented by Dave Krutzfeldt. Mr. Krutzfeldt reported that financials were in good shape, but we're behind in the Adult and Dislocated Worker program areas as it applies to where we'll finish the year at financially. Mick discussed the Dislocated Worker funding for next year and carryover for Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. The Financial Statements were approved.

Pathway Navigators:

Discussion regarding the hiring of Pathway Navigators through Indian Hills took place. They will collaborate with IowaWORKS staff to properly place prospective clients and will continue to track students/participants through the services that they are receiving to insure that they are meeting goals.

Summer Youth Program:

Susie Drish provided insight into the Summer Youth Program and provided examples of the Work Experience Program sights where youth are currently working. The goal is to match the interest of youth with a worksite.

IowaWORKS Events:

Linda Rouse discussed the May 2nd Youth/Employer Event that took place in Hellyer Student Life Center. There were approximately 600 students that had the opportunity to listen to guest speakers and to listen and ask questions of area employers from a variety of business and industry sectors in the ten-county area. We will look to expand on the event in 2015.

An Adult/Employer event took place on June 20th in St. John Auditorium. It was a good opportunity to enable our adult clients to interact with area employers that currently have job openings. Participants also had the opportunity to listen to Aaron Davis. Mr. Davis is a motivational speaker and entrepreneur.

Employer's Council of Iowa Event:

Area employers had the opportunity to receive ALICE training that was facilitated by the Ottumwa Police Department. Linda Rouse provided an email from a participating business thanking the staff for the training opportunity.

Regional Economic Advancement Report:

Mick Lawson provided feedback on various economic development activities through IHCC's Regional Economic Advancement team. The economy is improving so there has been a substantial increase in Iowa New Jobs Training Program (260E) opportunities. Cambridge Investment Research, Inc. is the most recent project and they anticipate a great deal of hiring over the next two to three years.

RWIB Recertification and Openings:

Mick Lawson indicated that there are two openings for business, one for labor and one for school district representatives on the RWIB. We currently don't have any representation from Van Buren or Wayne County as well.

Any additional names from the RWIB to fill the open positions is greatly appreciated.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Justine Heffron discussed the new mental health facilities in Centerville. There are currently four homes that have been built and staffed. Each patient stays on the average of seven days and they have had 15 patients as of June 1st. Eight employees currently staff the homes to insure quality care.

Becky Schmitz indicated that there is a similar program in Jefferson County and that it is in an effort to redesign mental health access across the state. Optima and Tenco Industries are the provider for Jefferson county.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm.

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