STATE OF IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
EX-OFFENDER REENTRY COMMITTEE

<u>MINUTES</u>

Date: January 30, 2018

Location: 1000 E. Grand Avenue, Capitol View Room, Des Moines

	MEMBER	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT
1	Beth Townsend	X	
2	Joe Greving	X	
3	Greer Sisson		X
4	Lynn Schreder	X	
5	Jerry Bartruff		X
6	Ryan Wise	X	
7	Wendy Mihm-Herrold	X	
8	Jayson Henry	X	
9	Rita Grimm	X	
10	Wayne Ford	X	
11	Benjamin Humphrey	X	
12	Joe DeHart	X	
13	Daniel Moon	X	
14	Mary Gaskill	X	
15	Charles Islehart		
16	Shaun Leek	X	
17	Jason Landess	X	

OTHER ATTENDEES		
ATTENDEE	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT
Shelly Evans, IWD	X	

MEETING MINUTES
Call to Order by Lynn Schreder, Chair.
Roll Call.
Introductions.

ACTION ITEM			
MOTION	1st	2nd	Unanimously Approved
Motion to approve 1/30/18 Minutes.	Beth Townsend	Wayne Ford	X

ACTION ITEM			
MOTION	**1st**	**2nd**	**Unanimously Approved**
Motion to approve 1/30/18 Agenda.	**Beth Townsend**	**Jason Landess**	**X**

General discussion:
- **Opportunities to collaborate across agencies.**
- **Opportunities with prisons. Hiring for Change – 2/13/18.**
- **Opportunities with Broadlawns Hospital and others, possible employer panel.**
- **Opportunities with veterans.**
- **Working groups to come up with 2 or 3 goals.**
- **Work group assignment (work with companies who are hiring and are in need).**
- **Employers Triumphant Foods in Sioux City – 1,000 employees and higher hourly rate of pay.**
- **Employers' common knowledge and how to reconnect them.**
- **Ex-offenders in communities placed in jobs.**
- **Half-way house assignments or work release – charged for stay from moment they arrive. Orientation is 2 weeks in length. Most jobs qualifying are $7 to $8 per hour. Look for changes of the re-entry process, best interest of making them successful.**
- **Certificate program while incarcerated and employer more likely to hire. 80% ready. Soft skills. What happened to program?**
- **Business presentations (needs are and what they are looking for).**
- **Apprenticeship programs.**
- **DOC's need to adopt new standards.**
- **National Association of Women Business Owners. Connection with Mitchellville.**
- **Mentoring.**
- **Communities. Once in community how do we help?**
- **Mentoring.**
- **Faith based partnerships. Other similar models across the state.**
- **Career planning.**
- **Adult literacy.**
- **Identify most successful programs.**
- **Engaging employers.**
- **Events.**
- **Reentry process – DOC person involved.**
- **Invite male and female ex-offenders as members.**
- **Working groups (action plans & meetings).**
- **Ban the Box.**
- **Driver's license bill.**
- **Overhaul view of corrections. Rehabilitative potential.**
- **Monthly committee meetings.**
- **Subcommittee meetings – ½ before. 3 separate dial in #s. 3 rooms.**
- **Strategic plan and present at SWDB meeting in fall (October) 2018.**

ACTION ITEM			
MOTION	**1st**	**2nd**	**Unanimously Approved**
Motion to Adjourn. Adjournment at 4:30 p.m.	**Beth Townsend**	**Rita Grimm**	**X**

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Evans, Board Administrator

Lynn Schreder, Chair