

**STATE OF IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
EX-OFFENDER REENTRY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**Date: March 1, 2019**

**Location: 1000 E. Grand Avenue, State Board Room, Des Moines**

| <b>VOTING MEMBER</b> |                              |                |                    |
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|                      | <b>MEMBER</b>                | <b>PRESENT</b> | <b>NOT PRESENT</b> |
| 1.                   | Beth Townsend                | x              |                    |
| 2.                   | Joe Greving                  |                | x                  |
| 3.                   | Greer Sisson                 |                | x                  |
| 4.                   | Lynn Schreder <b>(Chair)</b> | x              |                    |
| 5.                   | Daniel Craig                 |                | x                  |
| 6.                   | Ryan Wise – or - Alex Harris |                | x                  |
| 7.                   | Wendy Mihm-Herrold           | x              |                    |
| 8.                   | Jayson Henry                 | x              |                    |
| 9.                   | Rita Grimm                   | x              |                    |
| 10.                  | Wayne Ford                   |                | x                  |
| 11.                  | Joe DeHart                   |                | x                  |
| 12.                  | Mary Gaskill                 |                | x                  |
| 13.                  | Charles Islehart             |                | x                  |
| 14.                  | Carmen Heck                  | x              |                    |
| 15.                  | Izaah Knox                   |                | x                  |
| 16.                  | Pat Steele                   | x              |                    |
| 17.                  | Clair Rudison                |                | x                  |
| 18.                  | Khrista Dershem              |                | x                  |
| 19.                  | Katrina Carter               |                | x                  |
| 20.                  | Caprice Jones                | x              |                    |

| <b>NON-VOTING MEMBER</b> |                                      |                |                    |
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|                          | <b>MEMBER</b>                        | <b>PRESENT</b> | <b>NOT PRESENT</b> |
|                          | Ryan West                            | x              |                    |
|                          | Michael Witt                         | x              |                    |
|                          | Ronee Slagle                         | x              |                    |
|                          | Linda Rouse                          | x              |                    |
|                          | Art Rabon                            | x              |                    |
|                          | Richelle Seitz                       | x              |                    |
|                          | Robert Pate                          |                |                    |
| <b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b>   |                                      |                |                    |
|                          | <b>ATTENDEE</b>                      | <b>PRESENT</b> | <b>NOT PRESENT</b> |
|                          | Chad Carter, Indiana State Workforce | x              |                    |
|                          | Dan Clark, Iowa Prison Industries    | x              |                    |

| <b>MEETING MINUTES</b>   |                 |                 |                      |
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| <b>Call to Order by Lynn Schreder, Chair.</b>  |                 |                 |                      |
| <b>Roll Call.</b>  |                 |                 |                      |
| <b>Welcome and Introductions by Beth Townsend, Director of IWD.</b>  |                 |                 |                      |
| ACTION ITEM  |                 |                 |                      |
| MOTION   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Unanimously Approved |
| Motion to approve 03/01/19 Agenda.   |                 |                 |                      |
| ACTION ITEM  |                 |                 |                      |
| MOTION   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Unanimously Approved |
| Motion to approve 08/20/18 Minutes. – Did not have quorum.   |                 |                 |                      |
| <b>Presentation by Chad Carter, Indiana State Workforce.</b> – Chad presented to the committee on what Indiana did to increased offender to jobs connections. Ryan West sent out some date points after the meeting that Chad provided.  |                 |                 |                      |
| <b>Presentation by Dan Clark, Iowa Prison Industries.</b> – Dan covered the many things that IPI does. He also went over the “Homes for Iowa) program that is in development.  |                 |                 |                      |
| Discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Reentry and Employment Strategic Planning Program grant that the Department of Corrections and Iowa Workforce Development received. – Ryan West covered this topic as it pertains to a federal grant that was received by both DOC and IWD. The grant requires that the state put together a strategic plan on how to decrease recidivism. DOC/IWD put out an RFP for a project manager and Kevin Robbins started last week. He will be responsible for keeping things moving with the grant.</li> </ul>   |                 |                 |                      |
| Talking Points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current working groups: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Job Fairs – Pat Steele covered the plan on having three core areas of discussion during “National Offender Reentry Week” which is typically in April each year.</li> <li>ii. Caprice Jones was introduced to the group. Caprice reached out through Rep. Isenhart about a month ago to be part of the committee. He resides in Dubuque Iowa and grew up in Chicago. He is very passionate about helping folks succeed when they have had a troubled past. He will be part of the committee moving forward and be a partner we can work with on the Eastern side of the state.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> |                 |                 |                      |
| Discussions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action plans. – Ryan is working with DOC on establishing the requirements with the DOC/IWD grant.</li> <li>• Homework assignment. N/A</li> <li>• Discuss time period between this meeting and the next meeting. TBD</li> </ul>  |                 |                 |                      |
| ACTION ITEM  |                 |                 |                      |
| MOTION   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Unanimously Approved |
| Motion to Adjourn.   |                 |                 |                      |

Respectfully Submitted,



Shelly Evans, Board Administrator



Lynn Schreder, Chair