**One-Stop Consortium of Local Workforce Innovation Area 23**

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2022

**Welcome - Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the LWIA 23 Consortium Committee was called to order at 11:00 am on Monday, March 21, 2022 via Zoom by Kevin Bushur.

**Members Present:**

Casey Burgholzer, Kevin Bushur, Alyssa Maglone, Adam Flack, Laurie Jennings, Stacey Parr, Nancy Purdy, Chris Strohl, Connie Waldrop

**Members Absent:** Pat Click

**Others Present:**

Tony Logue, Debbie Whitacre, Jamie Corda Hadjaoui, Carol Tracy, Sharmila Kakac, Sue

Castleman, Joy Fitts, Pamela Schell, Lori Poorman

**Approval of Minutes**

Chris Strohl made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Kevin Bushur seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

No conflicts were disclosed.

**Business Services Update**

Jamie stated the BST hosted a roundtable event for manufacturing and TDL. They had 4 employers attend. Discussion was led by the employers. Many topics were talked about regarding the employment / hiring practices at each business and any issues they are dealing with. A similar roundtable is scheduled for May in Clay County. The BST hopes to do another roundtable in the fall of 2022.

**Referrals**

Tony reminded everyone to send him referral numbers. He mentioned that DCEO is rolling out a universal database to track referrals as well as apprenticeships (IWIS).

**MOU Billings**

Tony mentioned everyone has paid LLC for the D&O insurance with a couple of exceptions. Those parties were notified. He reminded everyone to be on the lookout for infrastructure invoices from IDES. Once / if the One Stop opens its doors to the public, CEFS will be invoicing everyone again too.

**PY22 MOU Budget**

Tony stated that the partners had agreed on the PY22 MOU budget and the paperwork has been sent to the State. He mentioned that he still needed some signatures for the MOU narrative before June 30.

**One Stop Operator Report**

Laurie mentioned there has been no word on the reopening of the Effingham One Stop. The partners had discussions on how to better serve the customers since the center is closed to the public. They agreed on email blasts from different agencies and additional workshops. RFP was submitted in January and the Planning & Oversight Committee which will be recommending it to the full Board at their meeting for approval.

**Partner Reports**

WIOA – CEFS is taking applications for Summer semester and are still widely recruiting youth.

LLC Adult Ed. – LLC has hired a new Adult Education Director, Shannon McGregor. Chris will still serve on the board and committees for Title II.

DRS – Adam stated that DRS has hired another person for the LWIA #23 area. He will be taking a back seat once the new person becomes acquainted with the area and the job.

Title V – National Able – Stacey stated that they are taking applications for work experience. Please refer people 55 years old and older to them. A new career coach, Bruce Adams, has been hired.

CSBG – CEFS is offering utility assistance for eligible participants. ERBA has funding for water assistance, emergency rent and gas cards.

DHS – Emergency COVID for SNAP is continuing. They are waiving interviews for new applications. Verifying benefits can be done online.

Kevin Bushur also mentioned that the Effingham County Board has created a childcare committee to address local issues that CEFS will participate in.

**Old Business / New Business**

Registration for the WIOA Summit is now open. It takes place virtually and in-person in Bloomington on April 28 & 29.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am by Kevin Bushur.  Chris Strohl made the motion, Nancy Purdy seconded.  Motion Carried.