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

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2023

**Welcome - Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the LWIA 23 Consortium Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, September 18, 2023 by Kevin Bushur.

**Members Present:**

Gareld Bilyew, Casey Burgholzer, Kevin Bushur, Laurie Jennings, Carolynne Jorgenson (Adam Flack), Nancy Purdy, Chris Strohl

**Members Absent:** Rob Jackman

**Others Present:**

Kelly Denton, Jamie Corda Hadjaoui, Tony Logue, Elaine Nuding, Debbie Whitacre, Carol Tracy, Joy Kaurin, Lesley Savage, Cindy Mayer

**Approval of Minutes**

There were no questions or concerns after reviewing the June minutes. Casey Burgholzer made a motion to approve the minutes and Chris Strohl seconded. Motion Carried.

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

No conflicts were disclosed.

**Agency Training**

Chair Bushur introduced Cindy Mayer, Outreach Coordinator for CEFS. Cindy gave a presentation on all of the activities that she is working on in Outreach. Homelessness is increasing in our area for the first time in several years. They currently use the “Housing First” model with all other obstacles to get tackled after that and help has expanded to a year-long program instead of 6 months. There were many questions from the partners and a lot of discussion. Lake Land College Adult Education will present at the December meeting.

**Business Services Update**

Jamie Corda Hadjaoui stated the BST is participating in an Employer Summit on September 26. Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) strategies are still being taught at the BST meetings. Lake Land College has interviewed several candidates for the Business Services Representative and hoping to have someone in the role in October. Jamie mentioned that the Regional Plan committee will be starting up again in Nov – Dec. timeframe.

**One Stop Operator Report**

Laurie Jennings stated they met the previous week. She mentioned that the cross training amongst titles is ongoing. The plan is for all Titles to first explain their programs, followed up by other partner agencies. She stated that the One Stop Certification is due December 31, 2023. They have received a sample performance measure template from IWP from other areas. They are discussing setting up something similar in LWIA 23. There were 190 and 195 customers in July and August.

**Other Agenda Items Discussion**

None

**Partner Reports**

**WIOA** – 44 New enrollments for FA23

**LLC Adult Ed**. – They are seeing record numbers of participants in the ESL and GED classes. They are currently holding classes for employees at companies in Arthur and Shelbyville.

**DRS** – None

**Title V** – None

**CSBG** – CEFS has implemented a bus route in Effingham with 14 stops. Their Headstart program received a grant that will provide free childcare to several families in Effingham and Montgomery Counties.

ERBA mentioned that they are offering the same programs that were mentioned in Cindy’s report. They are paying for CDL and CNA classes. Their scholarship program is seeing decreased applicants which is frustrating.

**DHS** – None

**Perkins** – Joy Kaurin (LLC) stated that she has spent $20,600 on supplies for Perkins participants for a record 55 students so far this year. She served 37 students last year and has had successful referrals to the LLC Foundation Emergency Fund as well as 3 to CEFS.

**Old Business / New Business**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm. Chris Strohl made the motion, Carol Tracy seconded. Meeting adjourned.