**Local Workforce Innovation Area 23 Quarterly Board Meeting**

Monday, December 11, 2023 – 6:00 pm

**CEFS Office▪1805 S Banker St. Effingham**

**Chair: Gareld Bilyew**

**Vice Chair: Jason Warfel**

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| **Members present:**Gareld Bilyew, Jim Bolin, Casey Burgholzer, Kevin Bushur, Bryan Cannon, Mike Conrad, Sandy Deters, Aaron Hacker, Carolynne Jorgenson, Lori Poorman, Deborah Reed, Chris Strohl, Kim Taylor, Carol Tracy, Jason Warfel, Courtney Yockey |  |
| **Members Absent:** Kevin Buenker, Cassi Igert, Mandy Martin, Josh McElravy, Julie Obermark, Roy Shelley, Denise Smith, Austin Zwilling**Others Present**:Kelly Denton, Jamie Corda Hadjaoui, Joy Kaurin, Devon Kroeger, Tony Logue, Debbie Whitacre, Nancy Purdy, Jim Brewer, Jim Bolin, Joshua Roe, Debbie Smith, Jeff Voigt |  |

**Welcome - Call to Order:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the LWIA 23 Board was called to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 11, 2023 by Chair Bilyew. Roll call read by Debbie Whitacre. Quorum Present.

**Meeting Minutes Approval:**

After no questions or changes posed, Kevin Bushur made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Kim Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:**

Chair Bilyew asked for any conflicts of interest, no conflicts disclosed.

**RFP Training:**

Tony Logue reviewed the Request for Proposal and the process that will take place in the next few months. There was some discussion regarding the process and questions pertaining to the pros and cons of one service provider versus multiple service providers.

**Committee Reports:**

**Oversight/Planning:**

Chair Mike Conrad stated that all financial reports were presented and approved. They approved the new Paid Leave Act policy that was presented by CEFS. This policy will not be in effect if the USDOL exempts Youth Work Experience customers.

**Youth:**

Chris Strohl said they discussed Phase II of the reorganization of the Youth Committee as well as Phase III which involved how to best reach the out of school youth. Many suggestions were made and discussed. They also heard a report from Kelly regarding the measures for the Youth program.

**Consortium:**

Chair Kevin Bushur stated that they heard an update from the Business Services Team, discussed the Service Integration Self-Assessment, the MOU updates and most importantly, the upcoming timeline for the Regional Plan completion. They also received partner reports.

**Executive:**

None.

Sandy Deters made a motion to approve the committee reports as presented, Lori Poorman seconded. Motion carried.

**Service Provider Report:**

Kelly Denton reported that there was a Rapid Response held for the employees of Quad Graphics. Approximately 54 have shown interest in training. LWIA 23 was awarded a supplemental grant request to serve several different projects, including supplemental money for the youth program. We have also applied for Emergency funding for the Quad Graphics employees as well as some customers that are on a waiting list for services. Evapco in Newton will be closing, however, all 25 employees that are affected have been offered employment at the Greenup location. The Paid Leave Act was also discussed.

**Fiscal Agent Report**

Jamie Corda Hadjaoui discussed the Annual Report and gave a presentation on the events that have happened since our last meeting and the events that will take place in the next couple months including: Service Integration self-assessment, Regional Plan meeting schedule, Apprenticeships that are in the final stages of being approved, as well as Devon’s TPM Academy completion. She also mentioned that we received approval for the supplemental funding for the Youth program and several other projects. She stated that we are applying for Emergency funding for the Quad Graphics employees affected by the closure and some waiting list customers.

**Other Business/Member Opportunity to Share:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm. Chris Strohl made the motion, Deb Reed seconded. Motion carried.