

Northwest Central IL Works (NCI Works)
Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
12:00 Noon

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AGENDA

Call to Order (Linda Burt / Cary Robbins)

Roll Call

Chair Comments

Consent Agenda (*Action Item*):

Consent Agenda Items - Anyone may remove an item from the consent item list by requesting the chair to do so. Items removed will be discussed and voted upon immediately following passage of the remaining consent items.

- NCI Works (November 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes) (Page 1)
- NCI Works Executive Committee (January 4, 2022) (Page 10)
 - Approval of September & October 2021 Financial Reports
 - Approval to Modify 1E Grant
 - Approval of Medical Assistant Certificate with IL Valley Community College
 - Approval of 160 Hour CDL Program with Midwest Safe Driver, LLC
 - Approval of Commercial Drivers License Program with Sauk Valley Community College
 - Approval of the One Stop Operator Request for Proposal Release by Tri-County Opportunities Council
 - Approval of Revised Work-Based Learning Job Shadowing Transitional Jobs Policy for Youth
 - Approval of Revised Work-Based Learning Job Shadowing Transitional Jobs Policy for Adults and Dislocated Workers
 - Approval of the Opioid Grant Modification
 - Approval of 2022 NCI Works & Committee Meeting Schedule
- Employer Engagement/Targeted Population Workgroup (February 1, 2022 Discussion) (Page 16)
- Youth Committee (February 8, 2022 Meeting) (Page 20)
 - Approval of Revised Youth Incentives

Business Meeting

Oversight Committee (Gerald Waszkowiak)

- Review and Approval of the Financial Reports November & December 2021 (*Action Item*) (Page 23)
- Review & Approval of 2st Quarter Report for Title 1B (*Action Item*) (Page 31)
- Review and Approval of 2nd Quarter Partner Report (*Action Item*) (Page 32)
- Review of the Partner Referral Report (Page 33)

Other Business

- Report of Outcome for PY 2021 MOU Modification (Page 34) (*Action Item*)
- PY 2020-2024 Plans Modifications
 - Review & Approval of PY 2020 Local Plan (Page 37) (*Action Item*)
 - Review & Approval of PY 2020 EDR #5 Regional Plan (Page 39) (*Action Item*)
 - Review & Approval of PY 2020 EDR #6 Regional Plan (Page 40) (*Action Item*)
- Request approval for any grant modifications (if necessary) (Carrie Folken) (*Possible Action Item*)
- One Stop Operator Recommendation (Vanessa Hoffeditz) (Page 43) (*Action Item*)
- One Stop Partners Update
 - Title I (Adult, Youth, Dislocated Worker, Trade) – Joel Torbeck
 - Title II (Adult Education & Literacy) – Sara Escatel
 - Title III (Wagner-Peyser, UI, etc.) – Rhonda Krueger
 - Title IV (Rehabilitation Services) – Jim Knauf
 - Community Services Block Grant – Vanessa Hoffeditz / Marcia Derrer
 - Senior Community Services Employment – (National Able)
 - TANF – Janet Graham
- One Stop Operator Update (Joel Torbeck)
- Opioid Grant Update (See Report from Kerri Hicks below)

Not much has changed with the Opioid Dislocated Worker Grant since my last report in November. There are a total of 29 participants since starting in November 2019. 15 have been exited and 4 have been placed into Employment. Others that are still enrolled but not active in a Paid Work Experience and/or OJT, I am providing Case Management to. In April, we had transitioned 6 impacted Participants into WIOA services, due to lack of funding. Now with money back in the Opioid Grant, we have moved those individuals back to the Opioid Grant and end date will be 6/30/2022.

The OJT at Peru Waltham Insurance that started November 15th, is going well. We have had a few hiccups with attendance due to health issues but with conversations between Employer and Employee and numerous doctor appointments, all parties feel that things are progressing in a positive manner once again.

Luther Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) is working with 5 of our impacted Participants in a Paid Work Experience. All 5 girls are doing a great job and completing numerous trainings to promote their positions in Peer Support. Expectation that at the end of the Grant, LSSI will be able to hire these positions Full-Time. The girls are very happy and comfortable with their environment and are continually thanking me for this experience.

Perfectly Flawed is still working with an OJT and a Paid Work Experience. The Client placed in Paid Work Experience will have completed that training 2/4/22. This Client has found Full-Time employment elsewhere. The OJT, expectations are the Client will complete that training in April.

With any other referrals that are coming in, I am reviewing them and if they are eligible for BEST services, then I provide them with the correct contact for their County.

I am still in constant contact with Perfectly Flawed and Arukah Institute of Healing. I have been sitting on the Consortium for C5 Rural. We have been asked to join the Veteran Assistance Commission in LaSalle as they are working with NIU on an Opioid Grant that will serve Veterans and their families. Just like with C5 Rural, we will help to provide Workforce Development to their impacted participants once ready for employment.

As we are coming closer to the wrap up of the Grant, I am just focusing on Clients that are currently being served, either WBL or Case Management and seeing what they need in order to transition into Employment elsewhere. Making the transition as seamless as we can.

- Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Update (See report from Dianna Schuler below)

We have meet with a total of 175 individuals/companies (as of Dec. 31, 2021) either one on one or through our group events. We've held a total of 6 sector events. I should note the all events have been virtual and if it hadn't been for CoVid restrictions that number would have been 12. We had originally planned to do the same event in 2 different locations. However, since we ended up doing them virtually we only count 6.

Miller Excavating in Savanna decided, after a couple of months of working on a set of standards to not pursue them any further at this time. Nikelle is still working with Liberty Packaging out of the Quad Cities but it is taking a little longer than originally anticipated. Liberty purchased another company so the apprenticeship is delayed so that it can cover both entities. There has been no further movement with St. Margaret's Health who was interested in a possible Certified Nurse's Aide apprenticeship program. Contact was initiate by KSB concerning CNA and CMA programs but they have not expressed an interested in pursuing it any further after the initial meeting.

Currently, Nikelle is also working with Inpro/Seal out of Rock Island and Label Mills in Savannah. Both are eager and moving very quickly with CNC Operator and CNC Machinist programs. With both of these and Liber (once they get back at it) we will realize 7 new programs. Our target was 5.

As mentioned in December our grant was extended to March 31, 2022. We were more recently informed that come April 1st we can continue our efforts through June 30, 2022 through our 1E grant. We have modified that grant to accommodate the apprenticeship effort and keep Nikelle on until at least the end of June.

- Success Stories

- BEST Success Stories (Page 49)

- NCI Works Meeting Schedule:

- May 3, 2022
 - September 6, 2022

NCI Works Executive Committee Meeting Schedule:

July 5, 2022

Public Comments / Recognition of Guests

Adjournment