

**Northwest Central IL Works (NCI Works)
Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
12:00 Noon**

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AGENDA

Call to Order (Linda Burt / Cary Robbins)

Roll Call

Presentation

Project Open “Recovery Friendly Workplace”
Stephanie Englund & Aaqil Khan

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 (March 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes) (Page 1)

Youth Committee (April 12, 2022) (Page 9)

Approval of PY 22 Youth Providers Pending Contract Negotiations

- ✓ Bureau Henry Stark Regional Office of Education (Page 10) (Action Item)
- ✓ Regional Office of Education #35 (Page 11) (Action Item)
- ✓ Regional Office of Education #47 (Page 11) (Action Item)

Denied SRAVTE as PY 22 Youth Provider (Page 12)

Targeted Population Committee/Workgroup April 19, 2022 Discussion) (Page 14)

Business Meeting

Oversight Committee (Gerald Waszkowiak)

- Approval of the Financial Reports January & February 2022 (Action Item) (Page 17)
- Approval of 3rd Quarter Partner Report (Action Item) (Page 25)

- Review of the Partner Referral Report (Page 26)
- Approval to recertify the Truck Driving Program with Midwest Safe Driving (Page 27) (Action Item)
- Approval to include the Bookkeeping (Accounting) Certificate to the Approved Training List offered by Sauk Valley Community College (Page 29) (Action Item)
- Approval to recertify the following training program with Sauk Valley Community College (Page 31) (Action Item)

Accounting
 Advanced Welder
 Agricultural Mechanics
 Agriculture Business
 Agriculture Production Technology
 Associate Degree Nursing
 Commercial Drivers License Program
 Computer Information Systems: Business Software Specialist I
 Computer Information Systems: Computer Software Technology
 Computer Information Systems: Networking
 Computer Information Systems: Networking Specialist
 Computer Information Systems: PC Technician
 Computer Information Systems: Server Support Specialist
 Computer Information Systems: Windows Server Administrator
 Computer Information Systems: Business Software Specialist II
 Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement
 Criminal Justice Corrections
 Electronics: Industrial
 Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management
 Entry Level Welder
 Machining & CNC
 Management
 Management Certificate
 Marketing
 Multicraft Technology
 Nurse Assistant
 Pharmacy Technician Program with Clinical Externship
 Practical Nursing
 Radiologic Technology
 Robotic Welding

Other Business

- Apprenticeship Grant Modification (Annette Pace) (Action Item)
 The State, after reviewing, the expenditures allowed a time extension to 6/30/2022 for the Apprenticeship Grant. No increase dollar amount was awarded, just the time extension.

- PY 21 WIOA Modification (Annette Pace) (Page 91) (Action Item)
DCEO awarded an increase allocation of \$90,493 thus the need for this modification. Periodically the state reassesses annual allocation for all local workforce areas and this was the surplus for PY 21.
- One Stop Operator Agreement (Carrie Folken) (Page 94) (Action Item)
- Review & Approval of PY 22 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Document (Separate Document) & One Stop System Budget (Separate Document) (Carrie Folken) (Action Item)
- PY 22 WIOA Budget
At this time, we have not yet received allocation for PY 22, however we expect it to be received before our next CEO meeting. We are requesting permission to enter into an agreement with DCEO and submit the necessary documents to establish the Grant. (Annette Pace) (Action Item)
- Request for the ability to Transfer funds, if necessary, between Adult and Dislocated Worker for the year end needs. (Carrie Folken) (Action Item)
- Request approval for any grant modifications (if necessary) (Carrie Folken) (Possible Action Item)
- 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 Dr. appointments, all parties feel that things can progress in a positive manner just working those areas, one day at a time.

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 most of 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. The Client placed in Paid Work Experience has completed that training on 2/4/22. The Client had 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. I have also been invited to sit on the Board for Perfectly Flawed.

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 177 individuals/companies (as of March 31, 2022) either one on one or through our group events. We have been offered another extension to exhaust the remaining \$10,223 in funding. Carrie, Nikelle and myself met with DCEO on March 23, 2022 to discuss this offer from the state and Annette has submitted the necessary modification to extend us, and Nikelle, through June 30, 2022. This effort will continue to be a region 6 effort (LWIAs 4 and 13). I will be sending LWIA 13 another modification to extend their participation as a sub-contractor.

Currently, Nikelle is also working with Inpro/Seal out of Rock Island and Label Mills in Savannah. Both have stalled for now due to either a family emergency at one company and staff turnover at the other. We hope to be back on track with both of them by the time of the April BEST Board meeting. In addition to finishing up these 2 hopefuls, Nikelle and I will meet in early April to plan for the additional 3 months in the most recent extension.

- Success Stories

- BEST Success Stories ([Page 105](#))

- NCI Works Meeting Schedule:

September 6, 2022

November 1, 2022

NCI Works Executive Committee Meeting Schedule:

July 5, 2022

Public Comments / Recognition of Guests

Adjournment