

NCI Works Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
12:00 Noon

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84890616301>
Meeting ID: 848 9061 6301
Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Meeting ID: 848 9061 6301

Mission Statement

Northwest Central Illinois Works' mission is to work hand-in-hand with business, service, government, education and non-profit organizations to enable workers to work and businesses to compete.

Agenda

Call to Order (Cary Robbins & Patty Head, Co-Chairs)

Roll Call

Resignations: Kevin Reibel, Randy Freeman, Linda Burt

Approval of the July 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes **(Page 1) (Action Item)**

Business Meeting

- Review and Approval of the Financial Reports (September & October 2022) **(Page 6)** (Annette Pace) **(Action Item)**
- Approval of Independent Negotiator for Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for PY 23 **(Page 12) (Action Item)**
- Approval to Apply for IE Grant (Carrie Folken) **(Action Item)**
- Approval to Modify the PY 22 Trade Grant to allow for Case Management (Carrie Folken) **(Action Item)**
- Request approval for any grant modifications (if necessary) (Carrie Folken) **(Possible Action Item)**

Other Business

- Program Services Team Update (Carrie Folken)

Updates from agencies:

Adult Education - the new semester will start in January. Can call any time to register, and can

get info on self-study materials prior to in-person classes starting in January.

ORS - Staff will be in office 1 day per week, but office will remain closed and by appointment only.

Has been getting some referrals from partners through the online referral system.

DHS - Still have a triage desk, staff is working hybrid schedule. TANF clients will be asked to job search now. They are not currently required to register with IDES and IL workNet, but that will soon be required. SNAP recipients, who have all been receiving the max benefit may soon see their benefits reduced, some by a large percentage. All of these things will likely mean more job search assistance will be needed. Beginning to make some headway on getting into some of the local High Schools such as Princeton and LaSalle-Peru.

BEST - by appointment at the Ottawa office. Currently serving many more Adult clients than Dislocated Workers. Working with IDES to implement monthly job clubs. Will work with DHS on getting some referrals.

IDES - by appointment only still. Assisting customers in the resource center on their IL workNet and UI registrations. IL workNet resume module is being updated and improved. People can make appointments for resume help.

SCSEP - Currently looking for both (55+) workers and worksites.

Reviewed updates of partner contact directory.

Introduced new BEST Career Advisor Koreen Judd to the group.

- Status Reports for Special Grant:

Apprenticeship grant update – submitted by Dianna Schuler

IVCC – Nothing new to report on the possibility of a new program for industrial maintenance. Putnam Co/IVACC – The survey was sent out and feedback was received from 161 students. 59% said they thought their path would be career/other. The top 5 career pathways were Architecture and Construction trades, Health Science, Science/technology/engineering, Agriculture, and Manufacturing and arts/audio visual technology, tied. 95.6% of the students surveyed had at least some interest in the potential for an apprenticeship.

Dr. Theisinger (Putnam Co. HS Superintendent) and Bill (IVAC Chamber Director) have not had a chance to talk about the results yet, everything I shared with you is just from what I have read on the report.

They have a meeting tomorrow (11/10/22). After that he would like to try to meet with both Nakeya and me again, and go from there.

JoCarroll Energy - A lot of activity is happening with them. Including all of it for the BEST Board's information. They are interested in an internal apprenticeship program for broadband and they do have content experts on staff so that looks very promising. They also want to partner with area training providers: CTE Academy in Elizabeth, WACC, Morrison Tech, and SVCC to stand up programs that could lead into their apprenticeship program as well as those of

other broadband infrastructure companies. I'm attempting to set up a virtual meeting for Jesse to bring those entities up to speed with his idea. So far Morrison Tech and SVCC are both very interested in hearing what Jesse has to say. Waiting to hear from CTE and WACC.

In addition, Jesse is very interested in finding a way to use virtual reality as a means for career exploration with the area middle and high schools. I sent him the info on Transfr VR from last week's IWP meeting. He is also interested in any grants that could help the schools and company with the cost of getting this idea up and running. I've sent him some links to some grants I found online.

Village of Erie, IL – Initial conversation on youth apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships schedule for Thursday, November 17th with Katelin Bridgman. Katelin in the Community and Economic Development Director and is working with a locally owned housing development cooperation who is looking into starting a pre-apprenticeship program with the local high school or an apprenticeship program.

BEST Success Stories ([Page 14](#))

NCI Works Committee Structure ([Page 29](#))

Next Meeting: July 11, 2023

Public Comments

Adjournment