

Vermilion County Workforce Innovation Board - Accountability Committee
Minutes of the Meeting - Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2pm
American Job Center, 407 N. Franklin St., Ste B
Danville, IL 61832

Members Present: John Vogt, Chairman

Kathie Porter

Brian Hensgen

Members Absent: Shelly Cumbow

Melissa Hill

Others Present: Lindsay Light, Staff to the Board

The meeting was called to order at 2:03pm by Chairman Vogt.

Brian requested to amend the agenda under action items to read "Eligible Training Provider List." Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Kathie, seconded by Brian. No opposed, motion carried.

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes was made by Brian, seconded by Kathie. No opposed, motion carried.

Review of Vermilion County Works Budget:

Brian stated that last month he shared his feeling that we would not overspend this year's grant, but now it has been confirmed that it is highly likely that we will not exceed our levels. Worst case scenario we may have to transfer money out of 1D, but it is allowable. At some point as we get closer to the end of the budget year, VCW will bring a transfer to the committee. They're hopeful to have allocations for the next budget year in April. John asked about how much they're looking at transferring. Brian stated approximately \$27,000. There are several things that still can help with the shortfall including the Industrial Career Pathways Grant to include help with training and staff costs, work-based learning costs, and incumbent worker training costs. Another possible project is something with the East Central Illinois Community Action Agency. The ECICAA requested VCW's assistance to help them with one of their grants doing something similar to the GOALS program. There is a short window for ECICAA to meet their goals, so they want to partner with VCW, and through a contract they will give \$42,000 to administer a program to assist them in meeting their numbers. Also, VCW is projecting a \$22,000 cushion in the administration pool. Any amount of money remaining in that pool can be used in the program costs. Discussion ensued. Brian stated looking at Department of Labor numbers, overall workforce development services are seeing a reduction. He is not concerned about being competitive and going after certain grants to help add more money to the program. John had a few questions on the ratios. Discussion ensued.

Action Items:

Eligible Training Provider List – The list of the programming offered to VCW clients was presented. Brian stated these programs are all considered high demand. Kathie asked about registered apprenticeships, and Brian stated they're automatically on the list. Kathie asked to see some stats of how many people have gone through these programs and how often they're used. Brian stated these programs are on a statewide list that has declared them high demand. Discussion ensued. The committee would like to see the stats on participants in these programs. John mentioned employers showing up to these programs to get them interested in coming to

work. Motion to approve the list was made by Kathie, seconded by John. Brian abstained. No opposed, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

One-Stop Operator RFP Status Update – Lindsay updated the committee that there are two entities who have requested the RFP, but other than that it's been pretty quiet. The Bidders Conferences will be held by appointment only at 2pm on March 31 and the letter of intent is also due March 31.

No audience comments were heard – there was no audience.

The next meeting will be held on April 20th at 2pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kathie, seconded by Brian. No opposed, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:42pm.