

Workforce Development Board
West Central Workforce Investment Area
Tuscany Square Ristorante
New Castle, PA
February 20, 2020

Minutes

Members present were: Tammy Barbati, Lisa Campbell, Kristy DeJoy, Denise Grady, Gary Grant, John Greenwood, Susan Lautenbacher, Gillian Maule, Tony Miller, Holly Nogay, Alta Roqueplot, Gail Steck, Frank Telesz,

Members absent were: Marc Buskirk, Joe Clavelli, John Davidson, Larry Fannie, Harry Grafton, Nate Hamilla Him Hill, Erin Houston, Tim Jablon, Brian Kassalen, Linda Nitch, Randy Seitz, Howard Thompson, Hope Vaccaro, Dom Vadala, Debby Van Kirk

Staff present were: Chris Burger, Colleen Chamberlain, Gregg Dogan, Debbie Donahue, Eric Karmecy, Dan Kossack, Dawn McFall, Cyndi Myers

Others present were: Melanie DeVincentis, Gary Dovey, Barb Gade, Jeanna Noel

Roll was taken. Secretary Denise Grady recognized that there was not a quorum and began an information meeting at 6:02 p.m.

❖ **Public Comment** - Mr. Dogan recognized and welcomed Melanie DeVincentis, Gary Dovey, Barb Gade, Jeanna Noel and new member Kristy DeJoy.

❖ **Management Report** - Mr. Dogan referred to the green section of the meeting packet. This report reflects expenses accrued from July 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020

Ms. Barbati reviewed the WIOA Performance and Enrollment reports from July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

❖ **Committee Reports - Executive Committee** – Mr. Dogan advised the Board that the Executive committee met on February 11, 2020. At that meeting the following items were discussed:

- WIOA Budgets for PY2018 and 2019 contracts
- Update on several new grants – Mr. Karmecy provided information to the Workforce Board on the WORC grant
- Finalize WDB meeting schedule for calendar year 2020
- Information to be presented at WDB meetings – Partner updates, Employer services available, customer stories, etc.
- Updates on the PA CareerLink® Lawrence County move – Target date to move is April 16 or 17th.

❖ **Committee Reports - Youth Committee** – Ms. Donahue provided information about the new Youth Re-entry grant that was awarded to WCJP with the North West Local Area as a subcontractor.

Mr. Tony Miller advised the Board that the Youth Committee has met twice since the last WDB meeting. At those meetings the following items were discussed:

- SLIP Internship grant – has not been awarded as of this meeting
- BEP Grant – What’s so cool about manufacturing? contest, Business & Industry Career Fair
- PA Smart Grant through United Way – Job Shadow Day on March 25th.
- Teacher-in-the-Workplace – West Central was included in other area’s applications – no word on if either application was awarded
- TANF Youth – College Credits for students in high school – National Career Readiness Certificates for eligible students at Mercer County Career Center

- ❖ **Old Business** – Ms. Barbati updated the Board on the EARN Redesign through the Department of Human Services.

Mr. Karmecy informed the Board of current updates of the One-Stop Operator. Ms. Colleen Chamberlain was introduced as the new Site Administrator for the PA CareerLink® in Lawrence County and provided center updates. Ms. Chris Burger provided updates on the PA CareerLink® in Mercer County.

Mr. Karmecy apprised the Board on the American Apprenticeship Initiative and other Regional Initiatives.

- ❖ **New Business** – Title II has the opportunity for a Re-entry training on April 28th in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Gary Dovey discussed workforce development brainstorming meetings recently held.

Mr. Dan Kossack discussed the new OJT folders that are available to employers. A presentation will be forthcoming.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at the Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex, PA.