

Minutes

Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board Meeting

October 10, 2025
10:00 am – 11:30 pm

Online via Zoom

Board Members Online: Patti Yount, Gary Norman, Jon Bond, Bryan Robbins, Missy Cooper, Daniel Noel, Sherry Butler, Denise Smith, Luz Elena Micheal **Others Online:** Kurt Kegerreis, Margo Olson, Mike Perleberg Charlotte Gunter, Carla Crowe, Kristal Biehle, Shanell Clayton, Karen Snyder, Konnie McCollum, Madi Corya, Eric Kranz, Jenny Brown, Heather Flanigan, Gage Pace, Kirk Kuhn, Bev Smith, Sarah Lamping, Stephanie Perkins, Mariah Brison

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved by email vote.

Executive Staff Updates - Kurt Kegerreis

Kurt Kegerreis gave an update on Region 9. Right now we are in the middle of a federal shutdown. There is still uncertainty about Regional Realignment, WIOA Reauthorization, and funding questions, and the future of JAG is still in limbo.

The team has new opportunities involving a new State Apprenticeship Grant. INCAP and CHE proposals are pending. Governor Braun's New Power-Up Program, and the federal Senior Worker Grant should get funded after all the wait.

Kurt discussed the Regional Realignment. He sent out letters to be signed and sent back to the LEO's. He collected all of those. He is having the BST send out employment letters to businesses around the Region to gather their support.

READI - Bryan Robbins & Sarah Lamping

Bryan Robbins gave an update on READI. His team is working on things to support Economic Development. He wants to invest and expand and do a lunch and learn. Sarah Lamping put in a proposal on Rural Schools, and READI is at a Standpoint.

Dearborn County Chamber - Eric Kranz

Eric Kranz gave an update on the Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce. They are having an Event on October 29th at 12. The event is a lunch and learn that is open to all. This event is about how the state changes will impact employers and individuals.

DWD - Heather Flanigan

Heather Flanigan gave an update on the DWD: WIOA Title III Performance Data, and DWD: Monthly IN Employment Rates.

RVR - Shanell Clayton

Shanell Clayton gave an update on RVR. Region 9 brought home 5 Awards from the Jobs for Veterans State Grant. Hector Moreno and Jordan Griffin received an Incentive Award for employing 30 Veterans during the 4th Quarter. Hector received the Annual Award for Case Managing 86 Veterans, Blowing the goal of 36 out of the water. Chris Dorn received an award for exceeding the Veteran Employment Goal of the year. Madison WorkOne Received the American Job Center of the Year Award.

The Key Accomplishments for ABA & WIOA Adult/Youth is Enrolled SCC Students with help of WIOA Adult/Youth on multiple dates. For JVSG multiple awards for the JVSG staff and our Madison WorkOne. Region 9's BST Manager and OSO was asked to present on their collaboration and successes with JVSG at Annual Roundtable. For JAG, College Success Program has 12 Participants to date. JAG High School Multi Year Programs have 588 Participants. For CHE, they have partnered with 13 school districts. 6997 students served for the 24-25 school year. Met our grant goal. 8 High School Peers have accepted and began working to provide career coaching activities w/elementary students in their school systems. Most have completed 2/3 lessons required to develop and teach. All second graders in MCS participated in a Kindness Lesson developed by the JAG students at MCHS as part of the Healthy Habits activity on the CHE Framework part of this lesson included painting rocks to be included in the Community Rock Garden in Downtown Madison. Career Discovery Meetings have been taking place in South Ripley HS, Madison HS, and South Decatur HS. For Young Adults, Kudos to Tasha Theetge who has been crushing enrollments in the first quarter of the year even without access to direct client dollars. She has added 4 new participants this quarter.

The Key Challenges for all programs are Funding Cuts, Delays, and Limitations. For SCSEP, uncertainty and participant struggles. For JAG, increased case load sizes to serve more students have made the data enrollment process more complex and the load of the instructors a little heavier than previous years. It will be a good test. Piloting a new model that combines JAG and CHE but meets the individual needs of each corporation at Jennings and Switzerland Co HS. Unlike traditional JAG these pilot programs are not standardized and continue to shift in design as we work to fill gaps in the corporation and address students' needs. Additionally, this style of program does not generate an elective credit, so student interest had to be renegotiated. For CHE, losing JAG Staff this semester has impacted the space that we were regularly working in and caused some delay in moving forward providing services. For Young Adult, contract delays have restricted access to supportive service dollars which in turn have an impact on youth recruitment and outcomes.

The Ongoing Initiatives is there is a Dirty Jobs Career Fair on 11/11/25 at Greensburg City Hall.

The Power Up Indiana - Snapshot. This is a new program from the State of Indiana and the Office of Commerce that catalyzes change in employer practices by supporting those who invest in upskilling their existing workforce. To get more information about this contact Kirk Kuhn.

Budget

Carla Crowe gave the review of the budget through June. The total funding available is just over \$5M. Overall planned expenses are just over \$9M. Planned carry-in for PY25 is \$400,618. \$107,923 of that is WIOA funds and the rest are unrestricted and unobligated funds.

The second page of the report shows revenue received so far and the budget compared to actual expenses. The benchmark is 17%. The current overall grant usage is 16%. In actual expenses, the Executive Staff expenses are 16%. The Service Provider is at 16%. The WorkOne expenses are at 15%. The Board expenses are at 16%. The overall expenses are at 16%. The overall WIOA expenditure rate is at 13%. In school and out of school rates are at 78% and 22% respectively. Current direct client services are at 9%. The third page compares our current program year to last program year.

Financials were approved by email vote.

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