

Minutes

Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board Meeting

October 3, 2024
10:00 am – 11:30 pm

Online via Zoom

Board Members Online: Patti Yount, Sonja White, Shelley McClintock, Bryan Robbins, Gary Norman, Tracy Bear, Kevin Turner, Missy Cooper **Others Online:** Kurt Kegerreis, Margo Olson, Chris Henry, Carla Crowe, Tom Arnold, Sarah Lamping, Kristal Biehle, SoYoung Anderson, Christy Corum, Charlotte Gunter, Karen Snyder, Shanell Clayton, Bev Smith, Victoria Britton, Amanda Getzendanner, Stephanie Perkins, Austin Clark, Mariah Brison

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved by email vote.

Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project - Tom Arnold

Tom Arnold gave an update on the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Tom is the project manager for the Ohio Department of Transportation. This is an 8-mile highway corridor improvement project. There are different phases to this project.

The bridge opened in 1963. It was designed to carry 80,000 cars per day. Today it carries about 160,000. In the 8-mile corridor, 5 of those miles are in Kentucky and 3 of the miles are in Ohio. The existing bridge just needs some rehab so they will be doing the rehab on that bridge, as well as adding a new companion bridge to the west of the Brent Spence Bridge. They are expecting 700 tradesmen from the area will be working on the project at the peak. They are going to make sure they are including area businesses and people in workforce development opportunities.

They have been hosting events including Hamilton County, Longworth Hall. They have partnered with African American Chamber of Commerce. They have a Project Website. This website is brentspencebridgecorridor.com. Within the website there is a link to Walsh Kokosing's Website.

Southeastern Career Center - Tracy Bear

Tracy Bear gave an update about the Southeastern Career Center. They currently have an enrollment of 910 students. They had approval to add Aviation maintenance onto their career center enrollment starting the school year of 2025-2026. They invited principles and counselors and the 11 superintendents to attend an aviation technology center field

trip which will be held in Indianapolis.

They are also putting in place an articulation agreement with their construction and welding programs. They are also going to have a pre-apprenticeship articulation agreement.

There are about 590 students that are currently enrolled in the embedded work-based learning programs. All 910 students were able to enroll for dual credits. Every student must complete one job shadow day.

READI - Gary Norman

Gary Norman gave an update on the READI grants. The RFP for READI projects wrapped up yesterday. They will start funding projects soon. The Stellar Pathways Program is kicking off. Clarisse at Genesis is putting together a panel with Ivy Tech students and LEDOs.

JAG Update - Kristal Biehle

Kristal Biehle gave an update about JAG. Kristal and Jennifer Tyra have been debriefing the responses that they received back from the school corporations. The school corporations are overloaded by the new requirements. They are also extremely underwhelmed by the curriculum and what got provided to them.

Since the network was already created, they did not have to hire people into the network. They were able to just bring in the curriculum that they already put together. For the Elementary they do not want to throw another worksheet at the students. They want activities for the students to do. The Superintendents and Administrators are excited that we are bringing in the curriculum and they do not have to create it.

They have been getting good feedback and are welcoming JAG with open arms. A lot of them are already JAG people, so there's already a relationship there and they are willing to collaborate.

Apprenticeship Update - Austin Clark

Austin Clark gave an update on the Enrollment Data of the Apprenticeships. Alliance of Indiana Royal Works has 38 apprentices in two rounds of funding for the Water and Wastewater Operations program. Hiviz/Cosawove, the Industrial Sewing Program, has 3 apprentices funded. Trilogy Health Services has 38 apprentices currently being enrolled at this time. They are being enrolled into the Culinary, Hospitality, Housekeeping, and CNA Programs. RVR Construction Pre-Apprenticeship is to be determined because it was recently built. The Columbus Peer Recovery House Manager Program is also to be determined.

Executive Staff Updates - Kurt Kegerreis

Kurt Kegerreis gave an update on the Executive Staff. It has not been the anticipated quiet season. The Region is experiencing more opportunities and strengths than for the entire length of Kurt's tenure.

There was a successful Substance Abuse Seminar in Lawrenceburg on August 13. It went well and contacts were made and strengthened.

He gave an update on the North Vernon office. They have been in touch with the new owner. The ETC is under construction and the office will probably need to relocate. They have started to look for new locations.

There is a 2024 Indiana Workforce Summit Oct 28th & 29th in Carmel. It will be hosted by INWBA and the Indiana Chamber.

The Region is expected to receive \$550K in new Apprenticeship Funds.

Kurt gave breaking news that the Region received \$6.5M Senior Worker Grant Offer, often referred to as SCSEP. This is in large part due to Staff Expertise, as Kurt and Stephanie Perkins ran the program for many years. This will be a direct USDOL Grant for 4 years, for Impoverished Workers that are 55 and up, placed at Local Nonprofits. Staff are currently exploring budget and service implications.

Region 9 is on a winning streak with SCSEP, JAG Expansion, Commissioner of Higher ED Career Coaching, supplemental ABA Apprenticeship, Commission of Higher ED Capacity Grant, Supplemental QUEST, supplemental H1-B Rural Health Grant, supplemental Workforce Ready Grant, Honda (JAG), and Duke Energy (JAG).

River Valley Resources - Shanell Clayton

Shanell Clayton gave an update on River Valley Resources. She presented a few client success stories. One was Marnita was an HSE student. The day after she received her HSE, she registered for Ivy Tech.

RVR's Veteran Staff, Chris Dorn, Jordan Griffin, and Hector Moreno, each received an award at this year's Veterans Round Table. Both region 9 and 10 received the Indiana Adult Program of Excellence for the year 2023-2024.

The Business Services Team is exceeding all targets. JAG is exceeding in their 6 of 6 Metrics. The enrollment is at 25 which is 94% of their goal. Region 9 not only leads the State but also the Nation in H1-B world Healthcare Grant.

Shanell talked about how WorkOne in Madison does Clearinghouse tours on the last Friday of every month. On October 30th, the BST will be hosting the Switzerland County Job Fair. On November 5th, JAG will be holding the Dirty Jobs Conference, which will be held at

Greensburg City Hall. RVR will be holding a Clearinghouse Fundraiser on November 18th.

Budget - Carla Crowe

Carla Crowe gave the review of the budget through August. The total funding available is just over \$7.6M. For comparison, PY23 ended with a budget of \$8.5M. Overall planned expenses are just over \$7.2M. Planned carry-in for PY24 is \$376,174. \$317,613 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 12%. In actual expenses, the Executive Staff expenses are 15%. The Service Provider is at 12%. The WorkOne expenses are at 16%. The Board expenses are at 5%. The overall expenses are at 13%. The overall WIOA expenditure rate is at 13%. In school and out of school rates are at 23% and 77% respectively. Current direct client services are at 0%. Carla has no concerns of being where we are at with the budget. The third page is this program year versus last program year in graph form. Financials were approved by email vote.

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