

**Minutes**  
**Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Board**  
**Annual Meeting**

September 27, 2019

Breakfast 8:00am CST – Meeting / Awards 9:00am CST

KCARC 1972 Center – Vincennes, Indiana

**Members Present:**

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| Makenzie Coulter  | Lori Williams | Drew Gerth        | Sue Habig       |
| Bob Birge         | Ellen Horan   | Jon Keck          | Brittney Kirwer |
| Stephanie Norrick | Amy O’Dell    | Michelle Schaefer | David St. Clair |
| Marcia Forston    | Sara Worstell | Lauren Kern       |                 |

**WDB Staff:**

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| Angie Sheppard | Kay Johnson | Dana Gustafson | Mary Hamilton |
| Linda Jones    |             |                |               |

**Others Present:**

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| Denny Spinner    | Joe Yochum      | Sam Pollock      | Mike Thibideau     |
| Kenny Ebberhardt | Trevor Church   | Bonnie Wininger  | Sandra Jewell-Lata |
| Melinda Smith    | Michelle Walker | Margaret Lindsey | Charles Johnson    |
| Jim Heck         | Jamie Neal      | Christian Blume  | Scott Brown        |
| Jill Hoskins     | Kent Utt        | Jerry Walden     | Pepper Mulherin    |
| Cale Knies       | Steven Stump    | Susan Vaughn     | Ashley Willis      |
| Becky Springer   | Cathy Cross     | Nancy Schroering | Michael Thomas     |
| Christy Teeters  | Michael Carney  |                  |                    |

**Welcome:**

Michael Carney welcomed everyone to the 1972 Center and gave a history of the organization explaining 1972 was a new beginning for individuals with disabilities. Everyone was invited to take a tour of the facility following the breakfast meeting.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Makenzie Coulter at 9:09 a.m. Central Time. Makenzie welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting.

**Keynote Speaker:**

Mike Thibideau, Director of the Wellness Council of Indiana Workforce Recovery, explained how the initiative is providing employers and employer organizations with tools and resources to address substance use in the workplace through prevention, treatment and recovery supports.

**Minutes:**

The Board reviewed the September 28, 2018 Annual Meeting minutes.

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| <i>Stephanie Norrick made a motion to accept the September 28, 2018 Annual Meeting minutes as presented.<br/>Brittney Kirwer seconded. Motion passed.</i> | <b>WDB-2019-06</b> |
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**Annual Report:**

Makenzie Coulter gave an overview of the Annual Report stating the Financials reveal funding continues to decrease so additional sources are needed. The County Statistics section shows the number of people being served in the community. Highlighting a few of past achievements; Jobs for America’s Graduates program, Toyota’s High School Equivalency testing fee grant and the Youth Serving Organizations’ event.

**Client of the Year Awards:**

Makenzie Coulter presented the Client of the Year awards to; Sandra Jewell-Lata – Adult, Melinda Smith– Dislocated Worker, Jaliyah Gasaway – Youth. The winners were presented a plaque and congratulated on their outstanding achievements.

**Business of the Year Award:**

Makenzie Coulter presented Kimball Electronics the Business of the Year Award. Kimball Electronics was presented with a plaque and thanked for their outstanding partnership.

**Closing Comments:**

Makenzie Coulter thanked the local elected officials and community leaders for their regional partnership and acknowledged the board members, staff and WorkOne Southwest staff for their hard work. A look back reveals stability. The WDB provides caring stability.

**Public Comment:**

None

*Sue Habig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9: 55 a.m. Central Time. Jon Keck seconded. Motion passed.* **WDB-2019-07**

Jason Nord  
Jason Nord, Secretary

September 25, 2020  
Date