



EMPLOY MILWAUKEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Program Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

9:00a.m.- 10:30p.m.

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APPROVED MINUTES

Members: Carla Cross, Laura Bray, Christie Bevin, Randy Crump, Michael Daily, Mark Kessenich, Tracy Luber, Joni Theobald

Absent Members: Chytania Brown, Pam Fendt, Jennifer Fogarty, Eduardo Garza, Lupe Martinez, Parker Rios

Guests: Beth Norris

Employ Milwaukee Staff Brenda King, Julie Cayo, Romell Greer

Chair Carla Cross called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. **Committee Business**

Mike Daily motioned for approval of minutes from August 18, 2022; Mark Kessenich seconded; approved unanimously.

2. **New Grants and Funding**

Received a new grant from Milwaukee County for \$164,630 to serve 22 participants who are 55 and older that are unemployed and with a family income at 125% or less. Work Wise will be the branded name that you will see in the community. Recruiting has happened through a soft start, but we have picked up people from community engagement groups in the libraries.

3. **Labor Market Information:**

Milwaukee County is sharing a 2.8% unemployment rate which happens to be the lowest in a while. Layoff notices have been received from Walmart that will affect 386 workers, Piggly Wiggly (East Capital) 52 workers, ABM Industries (Airport) 24 workers, Briggs & Stratton 166 workers affected.

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4. Reginal One Stop Operator Renewal

The one stop report shows that foot traffic is still level. The Job Center of WI is swinging up for seekers and active resumes, but registered employers and job openings is going down. Shared the information on the Cultural Competence series which worked with individuals from Ukraine and Afghanistan. A Pop-up Virtual was also held and an Active Shooter training response training that they partnered with. Invited all to the statewide conference this year TDCONN 2023 that will take place April-12, 2023.

5. Contracts and Compliance

Received a new grant from the Department of Labor, this is the grant that we worked with Senator Baldwin with. We received \$2,000,000.00 Waterworks would receive \$6484.186; this is a 36-month project 2/1/23-1/31/26. Waterworks role will be the training facility, we will find individuals that would like Customer service, Water Meter Technicians, Water Distribution Labor, Repair Worker positions. Youth committee voted Mark Kessenich and Mike Daily 2nd; Youth committee agreed unanimously to send for approval from Program Committee so it can be moved to the Executive Committee for approval. RFP's are being accepted for WIOA Youth Services and WIOA Adult/Dislocated Worker Services. The release date is 2/27, the proposers virtual conference 3/13, proposer questions 3/20, Q&A 3/27, finalist presentations 5/17, Executive committee approval 5/25.

6. Program Updates

Camp Rise - Currently hiring counselors, Elder Advisory board will start meeting in March, applications open for returning campers, general application 3/1, close application 4/3. First day of camp 6/20 and last day 7/31.

Earn & Learn – Work Site applications are open and orientation meetings have started, participate applications open 3/13 close 5/19, first day on the job 6/20 and last day 8/6/23.

Skillful Transitions – Enrolled 440 individuals, 345 are in training, 155 received paid work experience, and 162 have support services. Our spotlight is this month is Tonda Thompson the owner of She Slangs Wood.

Adult and Dislocated worker – Community resource navigator program will recruit and hire dislocated workers and the unemployed individual to transition them to temporary part-time work as a Community Resource Officers, we have had 105 served to date.

Reentry program – Windows to work is a pre and post release program that has 68 new participants and 21 transfer in participants. Reentry will continue it research study with Dr. David Pate, we will host another reentry simulation on 4/26 and then host post lunch and learns on 5/3 and 5/10.

Bankworks – will have 4 cohorts 1/17, 4/11, 9/27, 10/10, the cohort that is currently in class has 13 individuals enrolled. This program currently has a 77% placement percentage.

Fresh Coast Tech Up – Tech up has 24 students that will be graduated in May, to be placed in IT helpdesk roles. Our partners in this program are MATC, Digital Bridge, and Kohls.

7. Employer Engagement Updates

Business Solutions is working with WE Energies for Line Mechanics and we will host information sessions 1/13, 1/18 and 1/28 with demonstration day for those individuals that are interested 1/28.

Manufacturing job fair with on-the-spot interviews 2/7 had 86 jobseekers and 10 employers.

Coming up will be Construction on the spot 2/16, Advocate Aurora 2/23, Hospitality hiring March 2023 at Sherman Phoenix and the US Census Bureau Training here at EMI on 3/13, 4/4 – 4/7. We have received layoff notices from Briggs & Stratton, Walmart, Piggly Wiggly, and ABM.

8. Other Business

The Governors Event will take place on 3/8.

Looking for evaluators for the RFP reviewing.

Adjourned 10:11 a.m.

The Next Program Committee meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.-10: 30a.m

The Next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

