

Local Elected Officials Meeting

**Russell Kottke, Chair
Vern Gove
Joe Parisi
Steven Nass
Bob Miller
Timothy McCumber**

**October 12, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Workforce Development Board
via Conference Call
(312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 822 4741 7664**

Members Present: Russell Kottke, Chair; Joe Parisi, Timothy McCumber

Staff Present: Seth Lentz, Lameece Tyne, Chris Ziegel

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome & Introductions

Kottke called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Kottke noted a quorum could not be established and that no motions or voting will occur until a quorum is recognized. The meeting convened with reports only.

Agenda Item 2 – Review & Approval of the September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Due to the absence of a quorum, approval of the minutes was deferred to the next Local Elected Officials meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Election of Officers

Lentz stated that the Local Elected Officials consortium needs to conduct an election of officers. Kottke currently serves as the Chair and Parisi serves as the Vice Chair. Elected Officials were in agreement with the continuation of these terms for another year.

Agenda Item 4 – Job Center Updates

Lentz detailed the region's job centers are open and accepting walk-in traffic. Resources rooms are available. Remote resources are available for many job center program offerings. Hours vary by location. The Dane County Job Center is currently under construction. The Sauk County Job Center will be



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relocating within the same building to accommodate the additional space needed by other Sauk County government departments.

McCumber added that the Sauk County Economic Development Corporation will also be moving into the building which will provide additional support and partnerships.

Agenda Item 5 – Review and Approval of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program Elements

- **Performance Standards for Program Year 2020**

Lentz provided the WIOA Youth programming system design for program year 2020 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021). 26 participants engaged in WIOA In-School Youth and 105 participants engaged in WIOA Out-of-School Youth. 31 individuals have exited to postsecondary education or employment with an average reported wage at \$13.33 an hour. The largest barrier reported by these participants were Low Income.

Lentz provided the WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker programming system design for program year 2020. 292 participants engaged in Career Services and 239 participants engaged in Training & Education. Community collaborations helped significantly and include pre-apprenticeship training with WRTP/Big Step, workforce development initiatives with Latino Academy, Centro Hispano with their Caminos program, welding bootcamps with Moraine Park Technical College. Further ongoing collaborations within Sauk County include projects with People Helping People and Madison Area Technical College.

McCumber expressed interest with the partnership and pilot project.

Lentz highlighted 58 WIOA Adult individuals have exited to employment with an average reported wage at \$19.74 an hour with the largest barrier reported as Low Income. 57 WIOA Dislocated Worker individuals have exited to employment with an average reported wage at \$23.19 an hour. The largest barrier reported by these participants were also Low Income. Many individuals who were part-time or marginally employed have shifted into better opportunities.

Lentz outlined the federal performance scorecard metrics and scoring. All goals for the region have been met or exceeded.

- **WIOA Funded Services and Budget**

Lentz directed Officials to the Grants Summary handout. Many of the grants have received increased funding due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

McCumber inquired if there are any federal grant programs targeted toward workforce development housing.

Lentz explained that activity is ongoing to address homelessness with continued support to housing construction through programs like Pre-Apprenticeships and Certified Apprenticeships. Current federal grant programs can help with selective supportive services such as tools, but there are no specific grants currently targeted toward workforce development housing.

Lentz specified that Board Members at the September 29th meeting have made a motion to waive the procurement process for the upcoming year and instead renew existing contracts with current contracted agencies.

Lentz reported on the WIOA Core Grant funding for the organization and provided a breakdown listing fund sources, expenses, and allocations of the WIOA grants.

Lentz spoke on the regional staff deployment throughout the six-county region, and noted the current contracted organizations along with the Corporate Budget and its respective breakdown.

Lentz informed Officials on the Memorandum of Understanding process for each of the region's job centers and provided a timeline of the process for completion.

Lentz moved onto Board Member reappointments. Retirements this year include Rich Hands from American Family; John Lalor from Lalor Brothers, LLC; and Alan Langeteig.

Agenda Item 6 – Schedules, Activities, and Events

Lentz mentioned the annual WIPFLI audit has recently concluded and will be reported on at the December 8th Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be virtual. The Department of Workforce Development will conduct their annual WIOA monitoring of the Board in December.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

Kottke inquired if there were any other matters to discuss. With no additional business, Kottke moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned: 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Roddy
Board Secretary
Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin, Inc.

Attachments for Board Records:



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- September 15, 2020 Draft Meeting Minutes
- LEO Meeting PowerPoint
- June 2021 Financials
- Grants Summary Handout
- Proposed Meeting Schedule 2020-2021
- 2021-2022 Board Reappointment
- Corporate Budget Handout



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