

Systems Development & Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
(Zoom)
1/24/23

Attendees:

Cristina Fernandez
Ashley Holmes
Mereadith Shivers

Staff:

Lee Reese
Cindy Layman

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.

Having no public comment on the agenda, Lee Reese mentioned that there had been no additional updates to the Methods of Administration (MOA). However, a Budget & Negotiation meeting was scheduled for January 31, 2023. Next, the September 27th, 2022, meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Cristina Fernandez, seconded by Ashley Holmes and unanimously approved. The next item on the agenda was the workNet Center Update. The One-Stop had a soft reopening to the public on October 3 with IDES operating on an appointment only basis and limits the number of people in the building. It was noted that Dawn Swift has been promoted. There were 2 Caritas staff that would assist with front desk reception and Resource Room that had reached their maximum allowable hours. New coverage is being worked on. Also being worked on is a representative from SWIC to assist in the Resource Room.

In closing, each partner gave a brief update on their various agency activities and projects. Mereadith Shivers reported that SWIC is partnering with the Truancy Program and that they are returning to the libraries in Belleville and East St. Louis to provide classes. Cristina Fernandez shared that DRS is open for services and staff are primarily in-office. The building lobby will reopen on February 1, 2023 for documents to be dropped off. Since the pandemic, documents could be left in a dropbox or sent electronically. Cristina mentioned that the COVID funding that allowed for maximum allotment of benefit payments will end at the end of February. Lee Reese encouraged referrals for the purpose of Paid Work Experience for youth and adults.

Before ending the meeting, Lee reminded the group that the next MAWIB meeting will be held on February 9th @ 8:30 AM via Zoom. The meeting was officially adjourned at 10:11 AM.