

Systems Development & Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
(Zoom)
3/21/23

Attendees:

Cristina Fernandez
Ashley Holmes
Donna Richter

Staff:

Lee Reese

The meeting was called to order by Lee Reese.

There was no public comment on the agenda. For the Methods of Administration (MOA) update, Lee shared that the One Stop is still short staffed in relation to the front desk. Interviews are being conducted to bring on a couple of Paid Work Experience participants for those duties and for the Resource Room. Lee requested a motion for approval of the January meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Donna Richter, seconded by Cristina Fernandez and unanimously approved. The next item on the agenda was the workNet Center Update. The One-Stop is open to the public with some IDES sitting near WIOA staff to facilitate referrals. It was noted that a preliminary budget has been created and there was supposed to be a meeting to discuss. However, due to Meredith Shivers needing to consult with others above her to negotiate, meeting has been postponed.

Ashley Holmes shared that they have staff coming into the One Stop 3 days a week and that is going well. As a result, there has been some referrals. Cristina Fernandez reported that things are going well for them and that they are seeing some people in person or conducting phone interviews as appropriate. She mentioned that the COVID funding that allowed for maximum allotment of benefit payments ended at the end of February, so this is the first month that some have returned to their pre-COVID funding levels. Donna Richter reported there are plans for several tours of apprenticeship sites over the summer and working with high schools in Madison County. Lee shared that oculus devices are going out to area St. Clair County schools and a grant has been applied for to do the same for junior high schools in the surrounding counties we serve. It was mentioned that under WIOA reauthorization there is a push for funding for apprenticeships. Lee also mentioned a project is being developed with Anheuser-Busch/InBev to assist veterans and partnering with Scott Air Force Base. There are efforts being made to spend Youth funding and it is expected to have Senator Duckworth visit. Ashley mentioned being interested in her and her staff going to the CAVE for a tour.

Seeing no further business to come before the group, Lee entertained the motion to adjourn. Donna made the motion and it was seconded by Ashley. Adjournment was unanimous.