

Mid America Workforce Investment Board Meeting

April 4, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Belleville One Stop

Members Present:

Eric Brammeier	Edmond Brown	Lori Costello
Cliff Cross	Cristina Fernandez	Lial Field
Mark Hinrichs	Chris Klay	Nick Mance
Larry McLean	Rick Parks	Mike Rakers
Glyn Ramage	Richard Sauget Jr.	Amber Shields
Dawn Swift	Vicky Watts McElroy	Tony White
Larry Unverfehrt		

Staff:

Rick Stubblefield	Lee Reese	Brenda Boggs	Cindy Layman
-------------------	-----------	--------------	--------------

Guests:

Stacey Kregal

Chairman Rich Sauget called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM. Lee Reese conducted roll call and a quorum was established. Chairman Sauget took a moment to introduce New Board member, Lori Costello, representing the St. Clair Regional Office of Education #50 on the MAWIB Board. Rich then introduced and welcomed Stacey Kregal, Director for ScaleLIT, the organization that recently became the One-stop operator.

With no public comment being offered, Chairman Sauget proceeded to committee reports.

Lee reported there was no quorum for the 03/19/24 Systems Development & Oversight Committee meeting.

For the Marketing Committee (MC) meeting Lee shared that Doug Stewart mentioned that there will be a Veteran's Event at SWIC on May 7th and that Home Builders Association would be present at the event to promote apprenticeships. Doug Stewart mentioned that a few elected officials have been asked to help kick off the event. Lee mentioned that the Marketing Committee decided the marketing plan that Pual Ellis oversaw the development of could be implemented. Eric Schauster mentioned that the city of Belleville was planning to open a dispensary and that there has been a lot of activity around housing in the Belleville area due to the dispensary and the Center for Academic & Vocational Excellence (the CAVE).

For Youth Council, Larry shared that the Youth Council (YC) met on 03/21. Larry stated that the YC discussed needed enrollments for Clinton, Monroe, Randolph, and Washington counties. Larry mentioned that the employment performance measure was low, and efforts are being made to meet the performance requirements by Youth staff. Larry mentioned that Lisa Atkins informed the YC that new laws governing homeless youth and college admission were being proposed and she would keep the council informed.

Rich presented for the Executive Committee meeting that was held on 02/28/24. Rich shared that most of the committee reports covered what was discussed for the Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting moved to Partner updates. Cristina Fernandez shared that it is business as usual for DCFS. Dawn Swift with IDES shared that IDES services have increased for employment services and that they served around 90 customers last month. SWIC did not have any updates. Lori Costello stated that the ROE is gearing up to address individuals facing homelessness.

For the performance report, Lee shared that the performance report in the Board packet was run on 03/22/24. Lee shared that he pulled another report on 04/01/24 after staff met with DCEO regarding performance. The performance increased a significant amount over the 03/22/24 report. Lee gave examples of the increases and stated the increases had brought performance up to almost "meeting" in all categories.

For quarterly reporting Lee shared the Quarterly Services report and reviewed the numbers showing an increase in services for the last quarter. There was a brief discussion on Resource Room services. Lee explained that the new One-stop Operator, ScaleLIT has an information system that they plan to introduce to the One-stop partners that will allow data sharing for customers at the One-stop.

For financials Lee discussed that 202 grant was completed and spent out. Lee mentioned that the 203 grant was on-target with the Youth Out-of-School being at 50% obligated and needed to get to 80%. Lee mentioned that MCS had some CNA's to be enrolled that would push the current 50% to the needed 80%.

For the One-Stop Update Lee shared that the next few agenda items, Local WIOA Plan, Regional WIOA Plan, MOU, One-stop Budget, Report of Outcomes, and Service Integration Self-Assessment were all completed and attached for review. Lee gave a short overview of each document. All partners were involved in the processes and the items were on the agenda for approval for submission by the required deadlines. Lee mentioned again that the One-Stop certification was starting and that ScaleLIT would be leading that process. Lee gave an overview of the One-stop certification process.

Chairman Sauget requested a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, Items 1 – 4, which consisted of:

- 1) Approval of 02/08/24 Board Meeting Minutes
- 2) Approval of 2024-2028 Local and Regional WIOA Plans
- 3) Approval of One-Stop MPU, Draft Budget, and Report of Outcomes

4) Approval of Service integration Self-Assessment

Vicky McElroy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, it was seconded by Lial Field and the items were unanimously approved.

Chairman Sauget asked if there was any comment from the visitors present. There were no comments.

Mike Rakers commented that he had made an effort to promote workforce services in Clinton County with no success. Lee mentioned that IGD is partnering with The Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois (LC) to use the Oculus Virtual headsets to provide career awareness for schools in Clinton, Monroe, Randolph, and Washington counties. Lee shared that it was proving difficult due to the school's schedules being already set with activities and not having available time for working in unplanned activities. Lee shared that the State WIOA Summit will be held at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville April 24th and 25th this year. Lee gave an overview of the Summit and encouraged the Board members to attend.

Chairman Sauget reminded the Board members that the next scheduled MAWIB Board meeting will be August 1st, 2024, at 8:30 am at the America's Job Center. There being no comments from Board Members, Chairman Sauget asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Lial Field and seconded by Larry McLean. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.