

Members Present: Victor Harris, June Hickey, Angela Holmes-Young, Kendra Humphreys, and Kathy Lively were in attendance. Robert Mees and Michele Rheinecker both attended via conference call

Members Absent: Joan Jablonski-Baxter, Debra Jackanicz, and Alan Summers

Others Present: Roxanne Brewer-Coffey, Stephanie Castellano, Linda Cox, Jamie Galli, Cary Minnis, and Cindy Webb

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Angela Holmes-Young called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Angela Holmes welcomed the group to the meeting and asked for introductions by each attendee. Everyone introduced themselves and identified the organization they represent.

III. Approval of Minutes

Angela Holmes-Young requested a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2009 meeting. Bob Mees made a motion for approval; Victor Harris seconded, and the motion carried with minutes approved.

IV. Orders of the Day

A. One-Stop Center Reports

1. Traffic Reports

Cindy Webb distributed the *Resource Center Visitors Report 2nd Quarter April – July 13, 2009*.

Cindy reviewed the total number of visitors for each location and stated the One-Stop Centers remain extremely busy.

2. Marion One-Stop Business and Employment Center

Cindy Webb distributed the *Local Service by Customer Characteristics Jun-09* for the Marion office. The report shows customer demographic information such as gender, age, race, and employment status. Two Summer Works youth participants have been placed in the Marion Resource Room to assist with daily operations through the summer. Cindy stated the youth have been a great help in the Resource Room.

3. Mt. Vernon One-Stop Business and Employment Center

Victor Harris reported the Mt. Vernon office has remained extremely busy.

B. Illinois workNet

Cindy Webb distributed the *Elevate America* flyer which contains information regarding Illinois workNet's newest initiative. WIA core registrant customers can access on-line free vouchers redeemable for Microsoft online courses such as Office 2003 and 2007 and certification exams, as well as technical professional courses. Man-Tra-Con Corporation will receive 20 vouchers for this program.

C. Update on Closures and Layoffs

Jamie Galli reviewed the *Layoff Schedule by Company* report for the committee. The report summarizes layoffs which have occurred at companies throughout the region since the beginning of the calendar year. It includes company name, city, industry type and number of workers affected by the layoff. Since the last meeting, START, Jefferson County Comprehensive Services, and Catholic Social Services have indicated downsizings will occur due to lack of state funding. Jamie also informed the committee Circuit City filed a Trade Petition. Because of some changes in the Trade regulations, service workers are now covered and there is a good possibility the Circuit City petition will be certified.

D. Summer Works Update

Roxanne Brewer-Coffey updated the committee about happenings within the Summer Works program since the last One-Stop Committee meeting. To date, a total of 311 youth pre-applications were determined to be eligible for the program, 254 youth were invited to attend orientation sessions of which 206 youth actually attended and 181 youth participants are actively working. Man-Tra-Con has also been in preliminary discussions with the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds as a potential worksite. Roxanne informed the committee there were no findings from the recent Summer Works monitoring for eligibility determination. The monitors will be here today, and for the next 10 days, to monitor the Summer Works worksites.

E. Special Grants Update

Cary Minnis distributed the Southern Illinois Online Nursing Initiative (SIONI) brochure. SIONI is a hybrid-online associate degree nursing program designed for working LPNs to continue their education to the ADN level. With the support of Connect SI, six area community colleges have banded together to develop a full-time hybrid –online program requiring an on-site clinical which delivers an excellent nursing education for qualified incumbent (employed) workers from the 20-county region. Press releases have appeared in the *Southern Illinoisan* and the *Mt. Vernon Register* about the program. The trend in hospitals and other healthcare facilities is moving toward phasing out the LPN role. The hope is that students won't have to pay any tuition, fees, books, or other expenses. A total of 60 students will be enrolled in the program, with 10 students being placed at each of the six regional community colleges. Students will also have access to laptop computers on loan from the colleges' nursing departments. Cary also stated he hopes to hire a nurse educator to serve in a coordinator's role and act as a liaison between students and faculty.

Cary informed the committee Connect SI received a grant from Health Care and Family Services for a 30-county region to perform preliminary work as a precursor to Electronic Medical Records. The need is to identify a plan so different computer systems and software can exchange medical information electronically. There is also a need to develop a plan to increase broadband infrastructure within the 30-county region. Cary hopes to have a plan developed and ready to implement within one year.

F. Other

Cindy Webb informed the committee about tomorrow's interagency meeting and invited anyone interested to attend. Changes in the GED testing process will be discussed.

G. Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 18, 2009**, at 8:00 a.m.

V. Matters from the Floor

There were no other matters from the floor.

VI. Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Angela Holmes-Young adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.