

**Southern Illinois Workforce Development Board
American Job Center Committee Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Conducted via ZOOM
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - 8:00 a.m.**

I. Call to Order

The American Job Center Committee was called to order at 8:02 a.m. It should be noted that this meeting is a virtual meeting conducted via ZOOM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Karla Tabing, Freddie Buckingham, Joan Jablonski, Kristina Shelton, Laura Hammond, Christina Manchen, Sandy Snowden, Scott Wernsman, Cathrine Hoekstra, Debra Keelin, Kathy Lively, Reese Rutland

Absent: Linda Stasko, Jillian Van Zandt, Patrick Sorensen, Debra Jackanicz, Paulette Hamlin, Beth Brown, Kim Wilkerson, Shirley Aviles, Kristina Spence, Laverne Gillispie, Sarah Corbett, Mandy Bernhard, Haylee Knight, Hanna Bruno, Kalyn Cook,

Board Staff Present: none

One-Stop Operator Staff Present: John Otey

III. Approval of last month's Minutes 1st Sandy Snowden 2nd John Otey all approved.

IV. Orders of the Day

A. AJC Reports – John discussed there still continues to be an increase in number of clients coming into the AJC. Example Jan 271, Feb 289, and March 346. This is a good trend for the facility. The clients are coming in both for the Resource Room and partners. Currently working with Anheuser Bush for recruitment. This is the first time they have ever worked with a WIOA program.

B. Business Services – Freddie announced there are a couple of events coming up. Franklin County will be having a Job Fair April 26th and there will be a Reentry Event held for IDOC April 27th.

C. Man Tra Con Business Services- Reese discussed he is working with local employers to place customers into employment. All customers have some type of barrier to successful employment.

D. Resume in Person Meetings/ Hybrid – Christina asked everyone there if there was a desire to return to in person meetings. It was decided that an option will be kept in place for a Hybrid for those who can not attend in person.

E. Updates on Status of Programs- Kathy discussed the SI Now group that involves 17 counties has about five high school superintendents wanting to get more involved with career fairs. Youth Build has moved into a new building in Mt Vernon. The former US Bank. Sparro and

Centerstone expanding into Marion area. Joan had no updates for DRS, Christina discussed the Job Readiness assessment that the Youth Advisory Council is working on. This would assist clients before they are put into work experience to assist in ensuring they are ready for the workplace. JALC AE next orientation is May 15-16th. Rebound also registration in two weeks the last one before summer school which will be held June 11-29th.

V. Matters from the floor - none

VI. Adjournment. 1st Sandy Snowden 2nd Christina Manchen

meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared and submitted by Karla Tabing.