

**Southern Illinois Workforce Development Board
American Job Center Committee Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Conducted via ZOOM
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - 8:00 a.m.**

I. Call to Order

The American Job Center Committee was called to order at 8:00 a.m. It should be noted that this meeting is a virtual meeting conducted hybrid both in person and via ZOOM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Karla Tabing, Freddie Buckingham, Joan Jablonski, Christina Manchen, Sandy Snowden, Scott Wernsman, Debra Keelin, Mandy Bernhard, Benji Smith

Absent: Linda Stasko, Jillian Van Zandt, Patrick Sorensen, Debra Jackanicz, Kristina Shelton, Laura Hammond, Paulette Hamlin, Laverne Gillispie, Beth Brown, Cathrine Hoekstra, Kim Wilkerson, Shirley Aviles, Nathan Biggerstaff, Kristina Spence, Haylee Knight, Hanna Bruno, Kalyn Cook, Reese Rutland, Sarah Corbett, Robert Ingell, Frances Robbins, Veronica McMichael

Board Staff Present: Debbie Kee

One-Stop Operator Staff Present: John Otey

III. Approval of last month's Minutes 1st Christina Manchen 2nd Sandy Snowden - all approved.

IV. Orders of the Day

A. AJC Reports – John discussed there was a slight increase from August (465 clients) to September (469 clients) into the center. This is an average of 361 clients per month. There have been small lay offs in the area.

B. MTC Updates – Debbie announced that Angela Holmes has turned in her resignation and the board accepted it. Debbie will be interim CEO. There had been a question about shutting down due to the government shutdown but as of now MTC is open.

C. Business Services – Job fairs are continuing, ROE, Veterans, Etc. The Employer Summit went very well and was well attended.

C. Service Integration Goals – Angela discussed it might need to be a separate meeting for the goals. She will send out an email to break it down into smaller groups. Several people are assigned to the AJC committee.

D. Upcoming Events – Christina talked about meeting with the judicial court to get direct referrals from the court system. MTC is also working with early childhood action team to address the shortage of childcare spots due to low numbers of teachers. MTC has also written for a grant with less restrictions to use for outreach in all the counties to increase numbers.

E. Updates on Status of Programs – Rebound – registration is the 18th. Will be running night classes for HSD and GED. Scott discussed JALC spring registration has begun. It is earlier than it has ever been. Logan Spotlight on October 24th. He also discussed Workforce Education is providing some trainings at local businesses. They have a welding going right now.

V. Matters from the floor – none

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

meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared and submitted by Karla Tabing.