

**Southern Illinois Workforce Development Board
American Job Center Committee Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Conducted via ZOOM
Tuesday November 12, 2024**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

In Attendance: Freddie Buckingham, Sandy Snowden, Crystal Hosselton, Patrick Sarensen, Joan Jablonski, Kristina Shelton, Jordan McBride, Veronica McMichael, Scott Wernsman, Kenneth Stoner

Absent: Linda Stasko, Jillian Van Zandt, Shelley Pyle, Joan Jablonski, Paulette Hamlin, Laura Hammond, Laverne Gillespie, Cathrine Hoekstra, Kim Wilkerson, Mario Nunez, Kristina Spence, Sarah Corbett, Debra Keelin, Mandy Bernard, Rayeanne Miner

Board Staff Present: Robyn Russell

One Stop Operator Present: Karla Tabing

III. Approval of October 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

IV. Orders of the Day

A. AJC Reports/Updates – Karla Tabing

AJC Reports: Karla reported a successful cross-training session in November. Referrals were up in the last month by about 20 individuals.

B. MTC Updates – Robyn Russell

MTC is applying for major grants and preparing to move into a new Carbondale office by December 5.

C. PY24 MOU

Robyn Russell reported that the MOU budget is short by \$4,545 due to UMOS dropping out of the state of Illinois. This shortfall will be absorbed by Man-Tra-Con. The MOU requires updates due to UMOS' departure. The move is statewide and not restricted to LWIA 25.

D. PY25 MOU

E. Business Services – Freddie Buckingham

Upcoming workshops include one for CMS in Marion, state recruitment sessions for DCFS in Mount Vernon, and the Marion VA workshop at the AJC. Penn Aluminum is conducting walk-in Tuesdays, and Crisp Containers is holding walk-in Thursdays, supported by IDES.

F. Updates on Status of Programs – All Partners

Sandy Snowden reported on midterm registration and a new bridge entrepreneurship class with seven students at Rebound. John A. Logan Adult Ed will wrap up its healthcare bridge program soon, and ESL classes will start in January.

Scott Wernsman reported that JALC workforce is continuing to provide customized training alongside CPR and OSHA training for local employers.

Veronica McMichael reported that MERS Goodwill has been granted additional territories by DOL in Missouri.

Crystal Hosselton reported that Logan Academy is wrapping up a healthcare bridge this month.

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At least five students will transition to a CNA ICAPS program through JALC. GED sign-ups will resume in January.

V. Matters from the Floor

The AJC will be closed from December 23 through December 27.

VI. Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2024.