

Southern Illinois Workforce Development Board
AJC (One Stop) Committee Meeting
Hybrid Meeting conducted in-person and Via Zoom
Tuesday, February 11, 2025; 8:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

In Attendance: Freddie Buckingham, Sandy Snowden, Crystal Hosselton, Linda Stasko, Shelley Pyle, Joan Jablonski, Jordan McBride, Debra Keelin, Scott Wernsman, Cathrine Hoekstra, Veronica McMichael, Sarah Corbett, Megan Day-Meador, Robyn Russell, Karla Tabing, Debbie Kee

Absent: Jillian Van Zandt, Patrick Sarensen, Kristina Shelton, Laura Hammond, Paulette Hamlin, Laverne Gillespie, Kim Wilkerson, Maggie Ervin, Rayeanne Miner

III. Approval of Minutes 01/14/2025

IV. Orders of the Day

A. AJC Reports/Updates

Karla Tabing reported that numbers were down more than usual for the season because of the snow and ice in the beginning of the month. People are coming back in, many UI filings on the direct line. New WEX person has been hired, a Marion High School student. The placement is part of his coop.

Karla suggested that customers who cannot be adequately served within the time before closing (4:30) be scheduled for follow-up appointments to ensure the AJC can close on time. The issue was discussed among members, with all in agreement and several reporting similar practices at their agencies.

Karla mentioned workshop fliers are being developed for the March workshops, starting on March 10.

B. MTC Updates

Robyn discussed the new Man-Tra-Con newsletter, which shares information from partners and employers across MTC's various mailing lists. Robyn shared the updated projection for the opening of the Carbondale office.

C. Business Services

Freddie discussed several walk-in days and upcoming job fairs for local employers. Rend Lake Job Fair March 20, JALC Job Fair March 26.

D. Updates on Status of Programs

Cathrine Hoekstra reported that JALC is in the thick of the spring semester. Michelle Guy Reported that there is a new student navigator at JALC, Erica Marks, who can receive any GED referrals.

Sandy Snowden reported midterm registration is February 18. The weather has moved the start and end date of the term. There are approximately 48 students so far projected to graduate in May. The

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ICAPS entrepreneurship bridge program has run for two terms, where students run a vending machine to learn business skills.

Shelley Pyle shared that some cash requests have been delayed, but other programs are running well. Weatherization has also been delayed by state changes. Energy assistance appointments are scheduled out through April at this time.

E. PY25 MOU

The Tammy reminded all that the direct linkage checklists need completed.

Each partner's share went up on the MOU because one of the partners has been lost. Absent any objections, Debbie will continue with the budget with one less partner.

V. Matters from the Floor

VI. Adjournment

Committee Members:

Freddie Buckingham – **Co-Chair, IDES**
Sandy Snowden – **Co-Chair, Rebound (JX Co Ad Ed)**
Crystal Hosselton – JALC Adult Ed
Linda Stasko – RLC Ad Ed
Jillian Van Zandt – IDES
Patrick Sarensen - IDES
Shelley Pyle – Crosswalk CSBG
Joan Jablonski – DHS Voc Rehab
Kristina Shelton – RLC CTE
Paulette Hamlin – Western Egyptian PR
Co CSBG

Laura Hammond – DHS TANF
Jordan McBride – WIOA Title 1B,
Trade
Laverne Gillespie – Mers Goodwill Title
V (Older Workers)
Veronica McMichael – Mers Goodwill
Title V (Older Workers)
Scott Wernsman – JALC CTE
Cathrine Hoekstra – JALC Perkins
Kim Wilkerson – RLC
Maggie Ervin – RLC Workforce
Sarah Corbett – IDES

Debra Keelin – IDES
Megan Day-Meador – YouthBuild,
Spero
Rayeanne Miner – Crosswalk CSBG
Board Staff – Robyn Russell
MTC Fiscal – Debbie Kee
AJC Operator – Karla Tabin