

AJC Minute Meetings – May 13, 2025

Roll Call

Laura Hammond, Joan Jablonski, Scott Wersman, Karla Tabing, Stephanie Robinson, Reba Utley, Sandy Snowden, Freddie Buckingham, and Rayeanne Milner

Karla Tabing - AJC Report

Summary for the quarter: Numbers are up for people coming into the AJC and referrals happening. Please send referrals to Crosswalk for rent assistance and ILEAP. No questions regarding the report.

Business cards have been ordered for the AJC. Unfortunately, no one attended the resume workshop, which was blamed on the weather.

Stephanie Robinson

MTC is currently enrolling students for the Summer and Fall semesters. We have ample funding available.

Eligible students are encouraged to send referrals. We are also working on applying for additional grants at MTC, including Apprenticeship grants, GRS funding, and the recently reopened CEJA program.

It's business as usual—we are continuing to serve our customers as we always do. Workshops are taking place at the AJC, and we will be distributing business cards featuring MTC services with a QR code.

In addition, we will be handing out extra flyers. If you need anything for your organization, please reach out to us.

Freddie Buckingham

Highlights from Last Week:

Carbondale High School held a career fair with 26 employers attending, engaging 90 students.

At the VA, we conducted an OBTT workshop that attracted seven veterans. The information provided was very beneficial.

Penn Aluminum hosted a hiring event last Tuesday, drawing 37 job seekers. Walgreens held their hiring event on Wednesday, with 23 job seekers in attendance. Intermountain Electronics also had their event on Wednesday, but only two job seekers showed up, which is typical for them. Chris had an event on Thursday, and they had three attendees. On the same day, we conducted a CMS workshop that had four participants.

Most of our team was at the Summit on Thursday and Friday.

Upcoming Events:

We will continue to support the following walk-in events: Intermountain Electronics on Wednesdays, Walgreens on Wednesdays, and Crisp Container on Thursdays. Additionally, IDOT will be at JALC on May 22nd for a hiring event. Penn Aluminum has a hiring event scheduled for June 3rd. We are also organizing a state of Illinois recruitment event at the VFW in Marion on June 6th.

In the long term, we have the pavilion booked for a job fair scheduled for July 29th.

Flyers will be sent out to share with the other agencies.

Laura Hammond

DHS is open to serve customers. Part of the staff is working remotely.

Sandy Snowden

We are finishing up the semester, with this being the last week for spring classes. Graduates will be recognized on Thursday at the CCHS auditorium, with 23 or 24 students walking across the stage. The number of graduates is lower this time around.

Registration flyers for the next session will be sent out on June 10 and 11. Summer school will offer self-paced classes and will run through July 23.

In adult education, we are focusing on our upcoming grants, which are due on the 30th of this month. We are also working on submitting the continuation grant for adult education.

Joan Jablonski

In the chat: Counselors are available to meet with customers in the office.

Scott Wernsman

It's a busy week here at JALC on the academic side, as it's exam week. Tonight, we have a board meeting, and on Thursday, we'll celebrate our nursing pinning ceremonies for both LPNs and RNs. Then, on Friday, we will hold two graduation ceremonies: one for transfer students and another for the CTE graduates.

Additionally, IDOC will be back on campus for another academy starting on June 9th, running until July 25th, with the graduation ceremony scheduled for that same day.

Last night, we hosted an open house for our Trades 3 grant, aimed at students interested in the HVAC field and our facilities maintenance program. This initiative primarily targets area high school students, but individuals up to 24 years old can also participate. One of the great benefits of this grant is that it covers mileage reimbursement, tools, and two out of three semesters of tuition.

We also had local HVAC employers attend last night, providing opportunities for students to work with them while also being compensated. The grant includes wage reimbursement for employers as well. We had about seven or eight individuals attend the open house, which exceeded my expectations.

This grant is available for both the summer and fall semesters, allowing students to get a couple of semesters funded and gain experience with local HVAC companies.

Flyers will be distributed. Gretchen Cudworth, Grant Manager, and Jason Stoots, Lead Faculty member in the HVAC program are the contacts for this program.

Lastly, today I will be at the Marion Chamber at Kokopelli to provide updates on JALC.

Rayeanne Miner

Currently out of IHeap funding. The last day for applications is May 15th. There is plenty of rental assistance available; please send us referrals.

Veronica McMichaels

No new updates. We are receiving referrals. We are seeking participants aged 55 and older in Franklin County for the SCEP program. Flyers will be distributed to the AJC to be shared with other agencies.

Crystal Hoselton

Adult education classes at Logan Academy are running as usual. Our next set of registrations will be in July, with the graduation scheduled for June 25th.

Deb Keelin

I attended the virtual workshop Karla and Sandy at the summit last week and you did a fabulous job.

Tammy Kirk

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is due by May 30. We are currently falling behind due to several ongoing tasks. I plan to complete the MOU by Monday. I understand that the agencies need it submitted early, and I aim to send out the signature pages by the end of this week.

Freddie Buckingham; Motion to adjourn

Karla Tabing: 2nd Motion