

**System and Trends Committee  
Workforce Investment Board of Will County  
September 8, 2021**

**Minutes**

Committee Members:					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Rocky Caylor		X	Damien McDonald	X	
Beth Gonzalez	X		Mike Paone		X
Maribeth Hearn	X		Josh Potter	X	
Rita Herrick	X		Jim Rink	X	
Carlos Interrial		X	Suzanne Sallay		X
Kraig Kistingner	X		Michelle Stiff	X	
Cornell Lurry	X		Jim Tromp	X	
Others present:					
Susan Davinger	Mary Gajcak		Caroline Portlock		

*Per the Governor's Executive Order, this meeting was held virtually using Webex platform.*

**Welcome**

Co-Chair Rita Herrick called the meeting to order.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting was approved on a motion by Gonzalez and seconded by Potter. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

**Workforce Center - Stiff**

- The number of customers at the WCWC continue to increase across the board. There were 343 customers in July and 436 in August.
- 'Job Fair in a Bag' will continue due to its success.
- The Mobile Workforce Center (MWC) will begin at Joliet Junior College on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, as unemployment numbers in Joliet are at 14%. Statistics will be monitored to maximize each location served. MWC served 53 job seekers in August
- Sixty vendors and 115 job seekers attended the recent Job Fair in Romeoville.
- The G\*Stars program that has been gathering and reporting statistics for WCWC services will be updated to the 'Prime' platform. This will improve and update the gathering of stats, as well as provide dashboards in real time.

**Programs/Reports**

Training Programs

Governors State University submitted a tuition change to the PHR/SPHR Preparation program. The recertification was approved on a motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Kistingner. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

On-the-Job Training Report – the August PY21 OJT report was reviewed.

Employee Training Grants Program (Incumbent Worker) – Herrick recommended approval of Infinity Medical Repair, LLC application for the amount of \$12,025 to provide ISO Certification to four employees. Kistingner motioned to approve application, seconded by Lurry. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Portlock asked for members' input for an upcoming job fairs for persons with disabilities to occur later this year.

The next meeting of the System and Trends Committee is scheduled for November 10, 2021.