

Minutes
Southwest Indiana Workforce Board
8:30 a.m. CT, March 22, 2024
Zoom Meeting

WDB Members Present:

Makenzie Coulter	Darin Lander	Michelle Schaefer	Amy O'Dell
Peg Boardman	Heather Watts	Jon Keck	Marcia Forston
Sue Habig	Jason Nord	Daniela Vidal	Roger Clark
Angela Kirlin	David St. Clair	Stephanie Norrick	Sara Worstell

Others Present:

Allie St. German	Kim Stevenson	Carla Crowe	Brenda Stallings
Rebecca Griffiths	Nancy Schroering	Jody Robinson	Jillian Lindauer

Staff Present:

Kay Johnson	Valerie Schmidt	Angie Sheppard	Jessica Simpson
Mary Hamilton	Linda Jones		

Call to Order: Makenzie Coulter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Central Time.

Call for Additional Agenda Items: None

Consent Agenda:

WDB Minutes:

Makenzie Coulter asked for comments or questions on the WDB February 23, 2024, meeting minutes.

Executive Committee: Makenzie Coulter reported the committee approved the minutes, approved the Consent Agenda, and other business on the agenda below.

Finance Committee: Heather Watts reported the Committee reviewed the PY 23 February 29, 2024, financial reports. The budget increased \$460,000 JAG TANF and \$200,000 Workforce Ready Grant Expenditures for grants ending in June are being closely monitored. Expenditures are 49% compared to 67% benchmark.

Operations Committee: Kay Johnson reported the committee approved minutes, reviewed reports, and heard an update from the Service Provider. No SOPs were reviewed.

Business Services Committee: Sue Habig reported the Jasper Hiring Event was a success. Attendance at the Business Seminar was low so changing to virtual is a consideration.

Valerie Schmidt added in-house Job Fairs are going well. An increased number Hispanic and Haitian individuals are attending hiring events due to our partners sharing our announcements.

Youth Committee: Makenzie Coulter reported the committee approved minutes and reviewed reports. Out-of-School youth placements are low. Winners of the State CDC competition are posted on our social media sites. JAG expansion in additional high schools and middle schools were discussed as well as the success of the JobSpark event.

WDB Staff Report: Sara Worstell reported on a meeting with Caldwell Community Center to discuss an outside of school program for grades 6 – 10 funded by Evansville Promise Neighborhood. Met with ALASI staff for introductions and inclusion into events to support the minority populations. Building Blocks gave a presentation in Spencer County regarding the number of available childcare seats and population of children by age. February site visits show common themes such as clients do not return with required documentation and difficulty with follow-up. Discussion with USI Cener for Healthy Aging and Wellness to discuss a Registered Apprenticeship program for a long-term health care grant.

*Michelle Schaefer motioned to approve the WDB Consent Agenda. Stephanie Norrick seconded.
Motion passed.*

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Slate of Officers: : Sara Worstell presented the 2024-2026 WDB Slate of Officers: Chair – Sue Habig, Vice Chair – Brittney Kirwer, Treasurer/Finance Chair – Heather Watts and Secretary – Jason Nord. Sara Worstell asked for any additional nominations.

The election will be April 26, 2024, WDB meeting.

Sara Worstell expressed her appreciation of Makenzie Coulter’s extended time serving as Board Chair and the leadership she provided.

Old Business:

JAG Expansion: Makenzie Coulter reported expansions are being discussed with South Spencer High School and Middle Schools, Boonville High School, Perry Central High School, and North Posey High School with planned start up in the Fall 2024.

Capacity Building: Darin Lander reported the Menu of Service provided by Slade Consulting is a basic overview to be refined and pared down to one sheet or a trifold.

DWD Update: Peg Boardman reported referrals will be increasing due to contacts from 211 In-Family & Social Services’ 3,000 job seekers. DWD is working out the details for the referrals.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

<i>Jason Nord motioned to adjourn. Sue Habig seconded. Motion passed.</i>	WDB-2023-31
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The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. CST.



Jason Nord, Workforce Development Board Secretary

April 26, 2024

Date

Next Zoom Meeting – April 26, 2024, 8:00 a.m. CT/ 9:00 a.m. ET

WDB/LEO Breakfast Meeting
Venue 812
1401 N. Boeke Road, Evansville, IN 47711