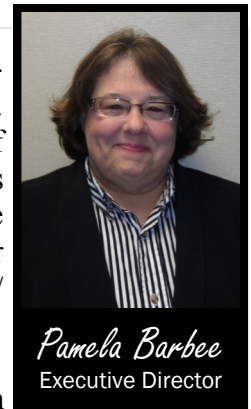


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Late yesterday afternoon DCEO issued the policy letter informing us of fiscal year 15's allocation. As an area we have an increase of \$227,109 from the previous year funding level. We have not yet received the county breakdowns so do not know specifically how each of our service providers will be effected. As usual this will require a quick turn-around process (back to DCEO for processing) so the Program Certification/Finance Committee will be meeting to bring the acceptance of the allocated funds to the full board for approval in order to meet the July 1 deadline. There was just not sufficient time to complete the Board Office/Administrative budget to be included in this month's Board Agenda.



We have been informed of some major layoffs in our area. American Coal laid off 86 in April (we held a Rapid Response meeting for this layoff on May 21, 2015) and an additional 162 last Friday. We will be having our second rapid response event for these individuals on Thursday June 11 at SIC. Depending on the response we may need to apply for a 1E grant as we did for the Willow Lake Miners.

Also, Airtex in Fairfield has reported that they intend to reduce their workforce by 225 beginning in the fall. We anticipate that this will be a Trade event, but do not have anything scheduled at this time. We are waiting for the company to file the Warn notice, before we can proceed. We have contacted the company and were assured by the Human Resource Department that they will cooperate. We are trying to schedule a meeting later this month to start the process.

I recently attended a seminar that dealt with implications of the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The speaker pointed out that a major component to WIOA is based on partnerships, not just our typical sign a MOU and agree to play nice, but a true commitment to work together to provide valuable services to our clients. Our services are expected to be business driven and we are mandated to develop relationships with our business communities, as well as our other agency partners. The Youth Council is no longer a requirement, but the act suggests that it be incorporated as a standing committee. Additionally, the speaker suggested that local boards appoint a temporary transition committee for two years to assist with the WIOA transition and a Business Committee to assist with the business partnerships. The One Stop Operator/Manager may prove to be an issue as this will now be an annual bid process. However, we do have some time before most of the One Stop Operator changes are due. We will need to re-access who may need to be a one stop partner and get an MOU in place in the next few months. Our local plan will

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need to be completely revised in the spring of 2016 and will move from a 5 year to a 4 year. Several DCEO staff was also at this training and it is expected that we will have further specific guidelines and a clear time-line from the State in the next few weeks.

We were given a time line and advised that our local board must be WIOA compliant by 10-1-2015. DCEO has issued some guidance and we are in fairly good position to meet this deadline at this time. We do need some additional business representation and must find an apprentice program. I have heard that some of the other local boards were reducing in size and asking members to resign, but at this time I do not see the necessity of any current member changes. Nor do I foresee our board being much smaller since we represent 14 counties.

It seems that things are really starting to roll...I will try to keep you up to date! Thanks

Entertainment Costs are no longer an allowable cost under the WIOA Act, which means there will be no drinks or snacks at the meetings.

CEO / BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION



NEXT MEETING:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
7:00 PM
AT
SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

URGENT Business Members Needed:

Alexander—2	Edwards-2	Gallatin—2
Hamilton—1 pending	Massac—1	Pulaski -1
Saline—1 pending	Union—2	Wayne—1 pending

Please review the following items (included in your mail-out) and be prepared to vote on them at the meeting:

- March 2015 Minutes
- March 2015 Financial Report
- April 2015 Financial Report
- May 2015 Financial Report

Committee Meetings:

The Program Certification/Finance Committee will meet prior to the board meeting to review and make recommendations to the board concerning the following:

- So. 14 Fiscal Procedure Manual (Title Changes only)
- PY15 Allocated Grant

Important!

Please note the location change of the meeting:

E Building—VPAC
Lobby (See Map)

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IDES REPORT

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (percent) for Local Counties and Areas

	April 2015	April 2014	Over-the- Year Change
Carbondale-Marion MSA	5.3%	6.3%	-1.0
Jackson County	4.9%	5.7%	-0.8
Williamson County	5.6%	6.8%	-1.2
Other Area Counties			
Alexander County	6.8%	9.9%	-3.1
Franklin County	6.8%	8.7%	-1.9
Johnson County	7.0%	8.6%	-1.6
Massac County	5.8%	6.9%	-1.1
Perry County	6.0%	7.9%	-1.9
Pulaski County	7.2%	9.5%	-2.3
Randolph County	4.5%	5.9%	-1.4
Union County	6.7%	8.4%	-1.7
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	5.6%	6.6%	-1.0
Hamilton County	4.5%	5.4%	-0.9
Hardin County	6.4%	7.4%	-1.0
Pope County	5.0%	7.2%	-2.2
Saline County	6.2%	7.5%	-1.3
White County	4.8%	5.8%	-1.0
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	5.5%	6.7%	-1.2
Lawrence County	5.5%	6.8%	-1.3
Richland County	5.6%	6.0%	-0.4
Wabash County	4.8%	5.5%	-0.7
Wayne County	6.5%	6.1%	+0.4

Southern Illinois Highlights

Unemployment declined to 5.3 percent in April 2015 in the Carbondale-Marion Metropolitan Statistical Area (Jackson and Williamson Counties). The April 2014 jobless rate for the Carbondale-Marion MSA was 6.3 percent. Unemployment decreased in 20 of 21 counties in Southern Illinois when compared to one year ago. Overall, labor market conditions have steadily improved during the past year in Southern Illinois. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

Employment gains were reported in Transportation, Professional-Business Services and Health Care. Seasonal payroll advances were reported in Retail Trade and Leisure-Hospitality. Construction activity increased as favorable weather conditions prevailed. Employment increases occurred in Other Services which includes maintenance and repair of machinery and equipment and personal services.

Numerous employment opportunities were available in Health Care and Transportation in April 2015. Job openings were advertised in Office and Administrative Support, Sales, and Management occupations. Career prospects were also favorable in Education, Food Service, Production, and Installation, Maintenance, and Repair occupations.

The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and seeking employment. A person who exhausts benefits, or is ineligible, still will be reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work.

The IDES supports economic stability by administering unemployment benefits, collecting business contributions to fund those benefits, connecting employers with qualified job seekers, and providing economic information to assist career planning and economic development.

Note:

Monthly 2014 unemployment rates and total non-farm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February 2015, as required by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid.

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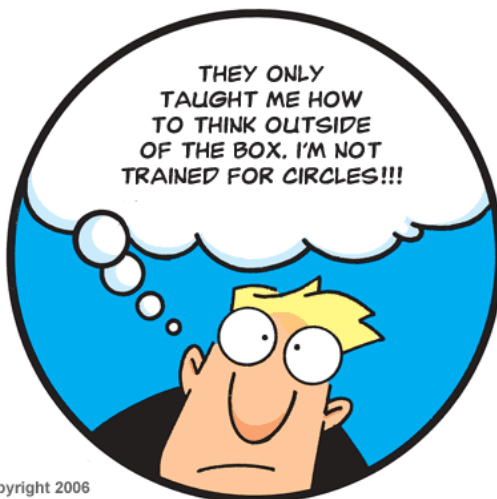


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- Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board, Inc. is one of Illinois' 26 regional boards designated by the governor to receive federal funding established by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA).
- The Board is mandated to provide oversight and monitoring of the programs operated with those funds.
- The governing board consists of members from our 14 counties representing business (private sector) and public sector entities which include labor, education, economic development and others who have a keen interest in improving workforce development efforts in the region.
- Board members representing state agencies are nominated by the directors of those agencies.
- Members representing other public agencies are nominated in public meetings attended by like organizations.
- Business members must be nominated by general purpose business organizations. Nominations are submitted to the County Boards for appointment with final approval of the state.
- Funds received are sub-contracted to three board approved service provider organizations who provide direct client services in the area of support and training. Support services, which include transportation and daycare, are provided for eligible clients.
- The Board also administers special grants to assist local workers affected by mass layoffs due to plant closures or relocation of facilities.