

***BOARD
MEETING***

***Tuesday,
March 11, 2014
at
7pm***

SIC-Harrisburg

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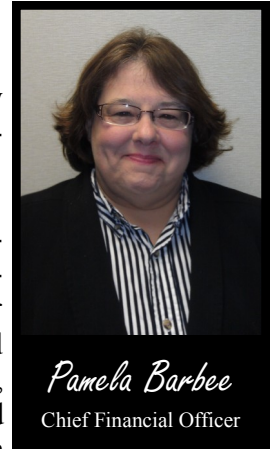
NOTES FROM THE OFFICE...

Continuing from last month, I am going to start my comments out on a positive note by giving a brief update on our grant progress.

We have revived the fully executed grant for the Brookport tornado clean up grant from DCEO and will be getting the contract to Shawnee Development this week for their approval and signatures. We were awarded \$138,785 - \$111,507 participant wages and benefits, \$20,670 for small tools and safety equipment, and \$6,608 program overhead, which will be shared with Shawnee Development. Shawnee Development continues to recruit participants by distributing flyers to the effected residents of Brookport. Doris from SDC and I plan to meet with the Mayor of Brookport to finalize the projects that our participants will be assisting with and to make sure the City understands the guidelines and processes that we must have followed. It is anticipated that each of the ten participants will work 40 hours per week for 24 weeks and that upon completion of their paid work experience component participant in an approved training program. The grant will need to be modified once recruitment has been completed and individuals identified to include funds to cover the training expenses for those individuals.

As of January 31, 2014 we have provided training and other supportive services to 31 of the 400+ Willow Lake miners that were laid off December 2012 at a cost of \$217,510. \$208,337, 96%, of those funds went back into our local economy in the form of direct training to local training providers as well as supportive services directly to the participant. To date fourteen of the participants have exited the program and ten of those exited entered employment. We accepted two additional participants who requested to be transferred to our area from Man-Tra-Con. Most of the remaining participants enrolled in this grant began receiving needs related payments as their unemployment ended. These payments provide monetary assistance so that the individuals can successfully complete their training. We are requesting an extension of time modification to this grant and if approved the grant will run until June 30, 2015.

We anticipate that all but one of our participants will have completed their training by this time. The remaining participant will more than likely have only one more semester, which we anticipate will be paid from regular allocated dislocated worker funds.



Pamela Barbee
Chief Financial Officer

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE.....

We are continuing to enroll participants in the grant to provide training to our area's long term unemployed who are interested in training in the fields of transportation, health care or information technology. In the spring semester, Mid 5 has six participants enrolled in the nursing program, one in the pharmacy tech program and one in the vet tech program, one in the CNA program, and one in the diesel tech program. Additionally, Mid 5 has four, and WADI has one, individuals who will be starting the truck driving program in Mid March, as well as two individual who will begin the medical coding and billing program in the fall. This will bring our participant count to seventeen, two of these are veterans. Getting people back to work is the big emphasis of this grant so we are encouraged, by DOL, to spend at least 25% of our funding on work experience and OJT s to aid our participants in obtaining unsubsidized employment. Mid 5 and WADI will be looking for employers who are interested in providing a place for our graduates to gain experience so if you know of a business that might be interested please give them my contact information. Sadly, with the March 31 deadline coming soon it is unlikely that we will be able to utilize all of the funds that we were awarded and will be asked to de-obligate those funds remaining.

With our Allocated Funds we have expended \$495,914 of our 1,265,655 allocation as of January 31, 2014. Even planning for the maximum allowed carry forward of 20%, we still have \$550,882 that must be expended before June 30, 2014. Failing to expend 80% of our allocation could not only result in those unspent funds being taken away PY14 funding could be reduced by the unspent amount as well as a 10% penalty. This would not only have a devastating effect on PY14, but would carry forward to subsequent years. I have spoken to all three providers and will continue to work with each of them to insure that the funds are expended. Typically our expenditures are larger in the spring semester than the fall semester and the February expense reports have not yet been submitted so I anticipate that the picture will look better with the next report. Since most of the funding went to SDC this year, they have the most remaining to expend, we are working on several ideas to properly expend those funds and may transfer funds to the other providers. I have asked that all of the transfers be submitted to our office by March 31st to allow the receiving provider ample time to expend the funds.

On a positive note, you may recall that DCEO has a benchmark that holds each area to a minimum direct training percentage of 40% - that is the area must spend at least 40% of its allocated funding in the adult stream and dislocated worker stream on direct client training expenses, this includes supportive services. As of the January 31, 2014 reports we are well within the benchmark at 55% direct training in the adult funding stream and 73% in the dislocated worker funding stream.

The Southern 14 board is not in compliance with a business majority at this moment. After the last submission we have 35 members - 17 business members and 18 public members - with no pending members we are in desperate need of two additional business members to maintain the mandated majority. The board is still are without repetition for Alexander, Gallatin and Edwards counties and needs one more member to represent the counties of Johnson, Pulaski, Saline, Wabash, Wayne and White. Kim and I plan to attend local Chamber of Commerce meetings in the next few months starting with those areas with no representation in hopes of finding some business person who would like to join our group. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining us or some other group that we might talk to, please to pass their contact information on to us and we will get some information into their hands.

For those new members (and even not so new members) to our group please let us know if you would be interested in some new member training. It is important to us that you are informed about our business and knowledgeable of our operations.

BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

Committee Meeting

The Program Certification/Finance Committee will meet prior to the board meeting to discuss the procurement/purchase of computer server equipment for the LWIB staff office. Please look over the memo enclosed with this mail-out and be prepared to vote on this item.



Programmatic Monitoring

The following programmatic monitoring was conducted:

- Shawnee Development Council, Inc. was monitored February 26 and February 27. There were no findings with this monitoring visit.

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SERVICE PROVIDER REPORTS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE BOARD MEETING.

So. 14 Board Member Certification

The board is required to have a business (private member) majority, we currently need (2) private members to reach the business majority.

The following were submitted to the state in January. As of 2/28/14 they are still be processed.

William Hartley-Massac County
Connie Duncan-Johnson County
Ginger McBride-Title II
Tim Bellamey-College President

The following counties are still in need of representation:

Alexander (2)
Edwards (2)
Gallatin (2)
Pulaski (1)
Saline (1)
Wabash (1)
Wayne (1)
White (1)

If you know of anyone from these counties that would make a good board member, please contact our office.

Check it Out!

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Training Programs

LWIA 26 (So. 14 LWIB) currently has 108 locally approved training programs to serve our clients. Please see the client reports for a breakdown on client information.

Out of State Programs are currently be updated/recertified.

CEO INFORMATION

***All requests for updated county information have been received
Below is a list of the current CEO's.***

You can see the full list (with contact info) on our website.

<u>County</u>	<u>CEO</u>	<u>Designee</u>
Alexander	Harold McNeely	
Edwards	Thomas Hortin	
Gallatin	Randy Drone	
Hamilton	Joe Bernard	P.E. Cross
Hardin	David Robinson	
Johnson	Jeff Mears	Ron Duncan
Massac	Jeff Weber	
Pope	Tim Wallace	
Pulaski	Monte Russell	
Saline	Carey Harbison	
Union	Don Denny	Bill Jackson
Wabash	Timothy Hocking	
Wayne	Gary Sloan	
White	Wes Trout	Jim Taylor (also Chair - CEO Consortium)



PRIVATE MEMBERS NEEDED

The So. 14 Board currently needs members from the following counties to assure the board remains certified by the State of Illinois and stays eligible to receive Workforce Investment Act funds to help the residents of Area #26. Requests for new members were sent out in December for the following counties:

Alexander, Edwards and Gallatin have no representation - 2 needed each county
Pulaski, Saline, Wabash, Wayne and White need 1 more representative each county

***The board is required to have a business (private member) majority,
we currently need (2) private members to reach the business majority and be in compliance.***

CEO SIGNATURES REQUIRED - None at this time.

SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION

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Wabash Area Development, Inc.

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1000 North Main, Anna, IL 62906 618-833-7431
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2004 W. Delaware Street, Fairfield, IL 62837 618-842-2962
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IDES REPORT

(January 2014)

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

	Dec. 13	Dec. 12
Carbondale Area		
Alexander County	10.8%	10.5%
Jackson County	7.8%	7.3%
Massac County	8.3%	9.2%
Perry County	12.0% 10.457%	11.4%
Pulaski County	10.4%	9.8%
Randolph County	8.8%	8.2%
Union County	11.5%	10.9%
Marion Area		
Franklin County	12.7%	12.0%
Johnson County	10.7%	10.4%
Williamson County	8.7%	8.3%
Harrisburg Area		
Gallatin County	9.8%	8.8%
Hamilton County	7.9%	8.4%
Hardin County	11.5%	11.2%
Pope County	10.6%	10.3%
Saline County	9.9%	9.5%
White County	8.2%	7.6%
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area		
Edwards County	9.1%	8.8%
Lawrence County	8.8%	8.3%
Richland County	9.4%	9.7%
Wabash County	8.3%	7.6%
Wayne County	8.7%	8.7%

Southern Illinois Highlights

Unemployment rates moderately increased in Southern Illinois when compared to one year ago. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

Labor market conditions were stable at the end of 2013 in Southern Illinois. Seasonal employment gains were reported in Retail Trade, Wholesale Trade and Eating and Drinking Places. Employment advances were also reported in Health Care Services and Transportation. Construction payrolls declined as inclement weather conditions prevailed. Government employment continued to decline.

End of year employment opportunities were available in Health Care and Medical Support, Sales, Food Service, Transportation, Office and Administrative Support, and Computer Operations. Job openings were also available in Engineering, Production Occupations, Social Services, Protective Services, 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.

Historically, the Illinois unemployment rate is higher than the national rate. Only six times since January 2000 has the state rate been lower than the national rate. The data is seasonally adjusted and includes times of both economic expansion and contraction.

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