

LWIA 23 QUARTERLY CONSORTIUM MINUTES

Monday, June 16, 2025

at

CEFS – 1805 S Banker, Effingham

Chair: Kevin Bushur

Chair: Chris Strohl

Attendance:

In Person: Kevin Bushur, Gareld Bilyew, Kelly Denton, Casey Burgholzer

Virtual: Carolynne Jorgenson, Carol Tracy

Absent: Rob Jackman, Jim Brewer, Chris Strohl

Others Present: Dylan Pugh, Cindy Mayer, Elaine Nuding

Welcome – Call to Order:

Kevin Bushur called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Roll call read by Cindy Mayer. Quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for March 16, 2025, meeting were approved as is. Gerald Bilyew made the motion to approve the minutes, and Casey Burgholzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Conflict of Disclosure:

Kevin Bushur asked for any conflicts of interest. There were none indicated.

General Information:

Business Services Update:

Cindy Mayer gave the report sharing Dawn has been very busy with Incumbent Worker Training. An additional \$15,000 was added under the modification and all but just under \$2,000 has been obligated. Cindy and Dawn met with Clay County Hospital who have the first nursing apprenticeship in Illinois.

OSO Report:

One Stop Operator report was furnished by Kelly Denton. In the last quarter, 179 people came in for WIOA and 538 for IDES. The results of the One Stop surveys were reviewed. There was a total of 260 surveys completed and were mostly very satisfied or satisfied with 2 very dissatisfied, 1 dissatisfied, and 24 neutral. There continues to be quarterly partner training and DRS will do the next training. Also, IDES now has the key cards for staff entry.

Partner Reports:

CEFS CSBG – Kevin Bushur reported there is concern about the federal budget zeroing out CSBG. Kevin is meeting with Congressman Boost soon and advocacy continues to reauthorize CSBG and to keep funding in CSBG.

CSBG ERBA – Carol Tracy reported same concerns on budget and reauthorization that Kevin reported. She also shared that the CSBG program can assist with utilities now that LIHEAP has ended and shared information about the youth extracurricular program offered through CSBG. The skills training program is still available to assist with CDLs and CNAs and ERBA is currently taking applications for the scholarship program.

WIOA - Kelly Denton reported benchmarks have been met for PY24. The program was monitored in May. The official reports have not been received but it went well. The Home IL grant has started taking clients and currently has 1 client. Kelly gave a presentation at the WIOA summit on the Home IL grant. Due to additional funding for PY25, an outreach plan is being made to recruit participants. The program is also looking to hire a Career Planner in Marion County.

DoRS - Carolynne Jorgenson shared several cases are going into college; juniors are getting assigned to the high school program; and graduating seniors are transitioning to adult programs. DRS is also hiring another counselor.

IDES - Casey Burgholzer reported IDES Outreach event to Hour House in Charleston where they showed how to use Chat GPT, application tracking, and resume services.

New Business/Old Business:

None

Public Comment:

No public comments.

Motion to Adjourn:

Casey Burgholzer made the motion to adjourn. Gareld Bilyew seconded. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 4:15pm. Next meeting is September 15, 2025.