



C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation

“Community Action Agency”

Consortium Meeting
June 16, 2025
4:00PM

Location: C.E.F.S. Building
1805 S. Banker Street
Effingham, IL

Zoom:

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- I. Welcome – Call to Order/Roll Call – Chair Bushur
- II. Approval of Minutes of the 9/16/24 Meeting – **Page 2** (Action Required) – Chair Bushur
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Chair Bushur
- IV. General Information
 - a. Business Services Update – Cindy Mayer, Workforce Development Director
 - b. OSO Report – Kelly Denton, WOIA Program Director
 - c. Other Agenda Items Discussion – Chief Bushur
- V. Partner Reports – All
- VI. New Business (Action Required) – Chair Bushur
None
- VII. Public Comment – Chair Bushur
- VIII. Motion to Adjourn – Chair Bushur



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LWIA 23 QUARTERLY CONSORTIUM MINUTES

Monday, March 16, 2025

at

CEFS – 1805 S Banker, Effingham

Chair: Kevin Bushur

Chair: Chris Strohl

Attendance:

In Person: Kevin Bushur, Gareld Bilyew, Kelly Denton, Chris Strohl, Carol Tracy

Virtual: Carolynne Jorgenson, Rob Jackman

Absent: Kevin Bushur, Rob Jackman, Jim Brewer

Others Present: Dawn Bennett, Dylan Pugh, Cindy Mayer, Elaine Nuding

Welcome – Call to Order:

Kevin Bushur called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. Roll call read by Cindy Mayer. Quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for Dec.16, 2024, meeting were approved as is. Gerald Bilyew made the motion to approve the minutes, and Chris Strohl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Conflict of Disclosure:

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

Partner Training:

Presenting, Chris Strohl with Lake Land College, Title II partner. Chris presented on the purpose of Title II according to the WIOA law and the services provided under Title II which include HSE classes, ELA classes, and ICAPS and BRIDGE programs. Chris also provided information on Title II performance measures and on the eligible and target populations for Title II services. A discussion followed regarding ESL classes regarding the number of languages and backgrounds/cultures of those in the ESL classes. Chris also gave a brief description of Perkins services as well. Cindy will ask Casey Burgholzer with IDDES will provide partner training at the next meeting.

General Information:

Business Services Update:

Incumbent Worker Training status report presented by Dawn Bennett (in Board Packet on page 18). Dawn discussed the current training projects in progress, ones that have just finished, and the businesses that are just starting the process. With what is currently in the works, all PY 23 funds will be expended and only \$11,600 remains in PY 24.

OSO Report:

One Stop Operator report was furnished by Kelly Denton. In the last quarter, 232 people came in for WIOA and 836 for IDES. Cross trainings are completed quarterly. Training has been completed by Effingham County Health Department and Unit 40 Mentoring program. The results of the One Stop surveys were reviewed. There were total of 99 surveys completed and were mostly very satisfied with 2 dissatisfied. Illinois Workforce Service Delivery Assessment Work Group will be coming in April to our One Stop. A survey was submitted to this assessment group. Casey Burgholzer with IDES is the point of contact for the group.

Other Items:

No other agenda items were noted.

Partner Reports:

Kevin Bushur shared CEFS is working with the local Continuum of Care on the Home IL program that will include WIOA services. The plan is to start in April. This program will help the homeless population obtain employment/work skills. ERBA, local shelters, CEFS Outreach, SWAN, LWIA 23 and LWIA 21 will all be working on this project. Kevin also shared CEFS is celebrating 60 years of service.

Carolynn Jorgenson reported on Title IV and shared they are receiving an influx of referrals specifically for disabled people in work training programs. DRS increased their allowance for training from \$6,000 to \$16,000 starting this summer. A person with a disability is now exempt from having to do a family financial analysis so DRS is seeing an increase in people seeking assistance to attend college courses.

Carol Tracy reported on CSBG. Carol shared they have received CSBG funding for the year and can assist with rent, case management for things like automobile repairs, and job skills training for CDL and BNA courses. Edgar County is seeing a lot of phone calls for the STEP program, but no other county is seeing phone calls for this program. BRP program is offered to those on SNAP benefits and is a barrier reduction program to assist them to maintain or gain employment.

No other partner updates noted.

New Business/Old Business:

Cindy Mayer reported the One Stop Operator Agreement is set to expire this June but with board approval a 1-year extension can be granted. DCEO has agreed it would be appropriate to request a one-year extension to allow more time for the new director to learn the RFP process. Carol Tracy made the motion to approve the 1-year extension. Gareld Bilyew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The other action item was to approve the 2025 MOU but this was tabled – no action taken.

Public Comment:

No public comments.

Motion to Adjourn:

Chris Strohl made the motion to adjourn. Carol Tracy seconded. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 4:42. Next meeting is June 17, 2025.