

**Executive Committee  
South Central Region 8 Workforce Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**Stonegate Arts & Education Center  
Bedford, IN  
Tuesday, April 23, 2019  
10:00am - 11:30am**

**Members Present:**

Scott Baker, Vice Chair  
Gene McCracken  
Kenneth McKee

**Others Present:**

Rob King  
Carla Crowe

**Call to Order** – Gene McCracken called the meeting to order.

**Tax Form Review (IRS Form 990)** – Carla Crowe distributed the Tax Return for the South Central Region 8 Workforce Board for Executive Committee review. Carla discussed each section of Form 990 and asked if any members had any questions. There were no issues identified or questions.

**JAG School Expansion Request**

Rob King informed Committee members that Region 8 has an opportunity to expand its JAG program to a ninth school. DWD notified Region 8 that a Sponsor has agreed to fund a certain number of programs throughout the State and Region 8 has been identified as an area for expansion based on past performance levels in our other JAG programs. Rob explained that normally we would expand to a regionally located High School based on certain identified needs. Region 8 has a priority listing and based on this listing a school in the Bloomington area would be in line for the next JAG program. However, DWD is currently looking to expand to a location with a strong employer relationship already established based on employer needs in the community selected. With this in mind, the Committee discussed possible expansion to the Hoosier Hills Career Center (HHCC) in Monroe County. Rob stated that this would allow the expanded program to serve potential students at Bloomington North High School, Bloomington South High School and Bloomfield High School. Gene McCracken asked it was certain that a Monroe County school was in fact next on the list for a JAG program. A listing was provided to members for official review and it was confirmed that a Monroe County High School would be the next school to receive a JAG program.

**Gene McCracken moved to approve a JAG Program for the Hoosier Hills Career Center. Scott Baker seconded the motion. All voted in favor of a new JAG Program at Hoosier Hills Career Center**

### **Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) Grant Application**

Rob King informed Committee members of DOL Grant opportunity to serve local Veterans. The project will focus primarily on serving veterans who are eligible under Priority 1 – HVRP criteria. The proposed service area will cover all of Indiana’s Economic Growth Region 8. Eligible veterans from Morgan County will also be served by the project. Rob provided members with Grant Abstract and reviewed proposed services, delivery of services, and planned outcomes for the project. Region 8 plans to serve a total of 50 participants with the following metrics in place: 1) a placement rate of 71% for exiters, 2) average hourly wage at placement - \$12.00, 3) placement rate for the chronically homeless – 60%, 4) percent of program participants in unsubsidized employment in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter after exit – 66%, 5) percent of program participants in unsubsidized employment in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter after exit – 66%, and 6) median earnings of participants in unsubsidized employment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter after exit - \$4,800. The total amount of funds requested is \$125,000, with \$118,500 awarded to Vincennes University Workforce Development Services as a sub-grantee for delivery of program activities and services. \$6,500 will be contracted to Crowe, LLP who serves as the Board’s Fiscal Agent.

**Kenneth McKee moved to approve submission of HVRP Grant proposal on behalf of the South Central Region 8 Workforce Board. Scott Baker seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the HVRP Grant Proposal.**

### **Adult Education RFA Reviews**

Carla Crowe presented two Adult Education Request for Applications (RFA) for Executive Committee review. The purpose of the review was to ensure the proposals properly aligned with the Region 8 local workforce plan. Carla explained that the RFA was sent to all current Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Integrated English Literacy & Civics Education (IELCE) grantees on February 22, 2019. This is a continuation year meaning that only providers who applied for and received grants in 2017 were eligible to apply for ABE and IELCE funding. WIOA regulations requires the local WDB to review the regional Adult Education applications and Region 8 received RFA’s from Vincennes University (VU) and the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC). Final recommendations are due to DWD by Friday, April 26, 2019. The Executive Committee reviewed the two RFA’s with particular attention given to: 1) Needs Assessment, 2) Strategies and Goals, 3) Coordination and 4) WIOA Services Training Alignment. Each application was assessed based on the following criteria: 1) Accessible Services from WorkOne Partners, 2) Coordinated WorkOne System Delivery, 3) Identified Career Pathways and Plan for In-Demand Occupations based on Employer Needs, 4) Work-Based Learning Opportunities Available, 5) Proper

Referrals/Coordination with ABE Providers, 6) Conducts Appropriate Needs Assessment, and 7) Training Services Align with WIOA Expectations. Both RFA's were found to be in proper alignment with the Region 8 local plan and services are coordinated on a regular basis between the ABE Providers and WorkOne staff, as well as other partner agencies as appropriate. Executive Committee recommends approval of both applications to DWD.

**Gene McCracken moved to approve both RFA applications and submit recommendations to DWD. Scott Baker seconded the motion. All voted in favor of recommending both RFA applications be approved to DWD.**

**With no further business to discuss, Gene McCracken moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Baker seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.**

Prepared By: Rob King