

**Accountability Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2010**

The Accountability Committee Meeting was called to order by Jim Andreoni at 4:42 p.m.

**Members Present:** Jim Andreoni, Pam Furlan, David Howell

**Members Absent:** Scott Harl, Dr. George Mihel, Louie Sekula

**Others Present:** Joel Torbeck, Karen Keller

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Pam Furlan to approve the November 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Dave Howell and carried.

**Program Certifications/ Recertifications:**

Joel Torbeck stated it has been months since there was a draft change on certification criteria and it had never officially been made into a policy. He said that the criteria now is growth rate percentage and gave an example of 100 jobs in a field, with a 10-year prediction of 110 jobs-that being a 10% growth rate. He said under the new criteria they project an increase of 5 jobs is considered a high growth field.

Pam Furlan stated the policy was supposed to have taken place as of January 1, 2010 and the State has not worked everything out yet.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Performance Reports:**

Joel said that in 2009, the economy did not have a huge impact on the Dislocated Workers Center but, stated that next year will be tougher because of the lack of jobs. Jim Andreoni questioned long term, if failing our performance reports would result in reorganization. Pam said yes and explained that if local areas fail once in one year, they get technical assistance. She said that if the local areas fail two years in a row, the State will come in and reorganize. She added that the State held the local workforce area to the same percentage as last year.

Joel said that the State will have to adjust for the upcoming economy in the next year when they negotiate with the Department of Labor.

Dave Howell questioned if there were areas of the state hit harder than local area 12 and Joel replied that the entire state of Illinois is in the same situation.

Pam said NCI Works explained that regionalization and consolidation sounds great, but the State is trying to regionally put us in the Sterling/Jo Davies area and that the center for most people is 2 hours away. She stated that this makes committee members have to drive too long to attend a meeting. The group agreed that this would not be practical.

A motion was made by Dave Howell to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Performance Reports. Motion was seconded by Pam Furlan and carried.

**Other Business:**

Joel mentioned the School Enrollment report that was included in the meeting packet. He said that Dr. George Mihel wanted to get an idea of the enrollment numbers in each field comparing Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC), Sauk Valley Community College (SVCC) and other colleges in the Local Workforce Area #12.

Joel asked Jim to remind other Committee Chairs to submit their progress update for the January and July meetings. Joel said that he will send Committee Chairs a reminder so that the Accountability Committee can review them at the March meeting.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Adjournment:**

With there being no further business, Pam Furlan motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dave Howell and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Karen Keller