

**Accountability Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2009**

The Accountability Committee Meeting was called to order by Joel Torbeck at 4:35 p.m.

Members Present: Pam Furlan, David Howell, Dr. George Mihel, Louie Sekula

Members Absent: Jim Andreoni, Scott Harl

Others Present: Joel Torbeck, Karen Keller

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dave Howell to approve the July 28, 2009 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Louie Sekula and carried.

Program Review:

Joel Torbeck informed members that the programs of Pharmacy Technician and EKG Technician were submitted for approval by the Continuing Education Department at Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC). Pam Furlan stated in order for training to be paid from Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds, the program has to be on the State Approved list and be a growth industry. With that being said, Pam Furlan motioned to approve the Pharmacy Technician Program at IVCC. Motion was seconded by Dave Howell and carried.

Transfer Program Request

Joel dispersed a curriculum hand-out on the Manufacturing Technology Associate in Applied Science Program, stating that it is an approved program at IVCC. He informed members that the college has introduced a transfer program in that when a student goes through the program there is an option to transfer to Illinois State University (ISU) with most of the curriculum being replaced and downsized. He stated with both programs the same degree will be earned. Pam Furlan questioned why the college decided to go with ISU and was told by Joel that IVCC came to an agreement on ISU. Pam stated that the Obama administration has put emphasis on advanced training and education for the future. A motion was made by Joel Torbeck to approve that the Transfer Option is equivalent to the Manufacturing Technology Associate in Applied Science. Motion was seconded by Louie Sekula and carried.

Approval of First Quarter Reports:

Joel Torbeck stated that we are exceeding and/or meeting all of our performance goals. Louie Sekula motioned to approve the First Quarter Reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Dave Howell and carried.

Program Recertifications

Joel said that a copy of the approved programs were included and hopes that at some point that the community colleges receive them all at once to avoid having to look at the calendar every time. He

reminded members that if the new policy becomes a state policy it would require a committee of at least 3 people to approve and recertify training program.

ARRA Discussion - Reporting:

Joel informed members that due to lack of funds, the Dislocated Workers Center (DWC) can not accept any more enrollments. He said in giving a speech to Hobbs in Spring Valley, he had to inform participants that there were no funds available. He said that the DWC has over 600 students enrolled and money spent on each student is in the neighborhood of \$4500.00-\$5000.00 for tuition, books, travel and childcare per year. When Dave Howell questioned how students become eligible for the DWC and Joel answered that enrollees must be receiving unemployment compensation. Pam stated that Business Employment Skills Team may be of some assistance to people with certain eligibilities and asked Joel to refer them to BEST.

Other Business:

Joel stated that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) recently monitored program compliance and there were no findings.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment:

With there being no further business, Pam Furlan motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Louie Sekula and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Karen Keller