

**Accountability Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2011**

The Accountability Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Andreoni at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Andreoni, Pam Furlan, David Howell, Louie Sekula

Members Absent: Scott Harl, Dr. George Mihel

Others Present: Karen Keller, Joel Torbeck

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Louie Sekula to approve the January 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Pam Furlan and carried.

Review and Approval of Program Certifications/Recertifications

Joel Torbeck stated that there are no training programs up for recertification at Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) at this time.

He said that Sauk Valley Community College (SVCC) has an H96 Machine Tool Operator and a Refrigeration H81 training program up for recertification. A motion was made by Pam Furlan to approve the recertification as presented. Motion was seconded by Louis Sekula and carried.

Joel informed committee members that the following programs from SVCC will be removed from the State Provider list: Advanced Early Childhood Education, Basic Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Education, HSV-089 Social Services: Human Services, Legal Office, Microcomputer Application Specialist I & II, Paraprofessional Educator and Lean Manufacturing. He said that Illinois has determined training dollars should be spent on occupations that have a high demand and provide a sufficient wage. Joel said the Lean Manufacturing program does not provide an Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) recognized credential.

Jim Andreoni asked if a participant chose to work in a day care and needed a certificate, would Business Employment Skills Team, Inc. (BEST, Inc.) be able to fund their schooling. Joel said no that they would only be able to participate in incumbent worker training which is not covered.

A motion was made by Dave Howell to approve to remove the SVCC programs mentioned above from the State Provider list as presented. Motion was seconded by Louis Sekula and carried.

Joel Torbeck told committee members that the Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate and Paramedic programs from SVCC were on the Training Provider list but did not meet criteria because of lack of job openings. He said the Dislocated Workers Center (DWC) obtained additional labor market information to justify why the two programs should remain on the list. He said a request for reconsideration will be sent to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

A motion was made by Pam Furlan to conditionally approve (pending DCEO approval) the two Emergency Medical Technician programs as presented. Motion was seconded by Dave Howell and carried.

Pam Furlan pointed out that a recent meeting between her and IVCC faculty showed that Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) are in great demand today because of safety issues.

Louis Sekula stated that all personnel at the Del Monte plant go through EMT training so they can be at-the-ready in the event of an emergency.

Joel informed members that the DFE Tech Career School in Tyler, Texas has applied to be added to the State list for their oil-drilling program. He explained that each program has a curriculum code that is translated into an occupation code. He said that the occupation code assigned for the oil-drilling program did not reflect a high demand occupation.

Jim Andreoni asked if there were interested participants for the oil-drilling program. Joel said there were two interested participants. Jim then asked what the cost to fund the program was and Joel said \$12,500.00 per person. Pam Furlan said the maximum that can be paid is \$10,000.00. After discussion, Louis Sekula motioned to **deny** the oil-drilling training program based on lack of local demand. Motion was seconded by Dave Howell and carried. Joel said if the NCI Works board denies the program they will be given an opportunity to appeal.

Committee Progress Reports

Business Liaison & Marketing Committee-

Pam Furlan said there have been 7,552 hits on the “No Place Like Home” website. She also informed members that the Business Liaison & Marketing Committee has not met since last year.

One-Stop Partner Committee-

Pam said she received correspondence informing her that DCEO is moving up the deadline for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from June 30 to May 31, 2011. Pam asked DCEO if they wanted the MOU sent back without all the signatures or wait for all the signatures and delay it. Pam was told by DCEO to delay it.

Private Sector Employer Committee-

Louis Sekula asked Pam if Del Monte had been invited to the Manufacturing CEO Breakfast in November. Pam replied that correspondence would have been received by Scott Jamison.

Pam Furlan presented a revised Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Board Development Initiative and said if it is acceptable to the membership, she will send it out to a group of bidders. She said if we get an acceptable bid, we will apply for a technical assistance grant to pay for the facilitator.

Joel Torbeck asked committee members whether the Accountability committee should continue receiving and printing progress reports adding that they are a repetition of meeting minutes already available on the NCI Works website. Committee members agreed to pose this question to the Executive Committee at their next meeting.

Other Business

None

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

With there being no further business, Louie Sekula motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dave Howell and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Karen Keller