

**Southeastern Wisconsin Workforce Development Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**  
**Kenosha County Center – Hearing Room**  
**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Members present:** Dr. Bryan Albrecht, Laura Cesar, Susan Chandek, Derek D’Auria, Kenneth Fellman, Ron Frederick, Nicholas Galich, Dave Gaspar, Loretta Olsen, Rodney Prunty, Matt Waltz

**Members excused:** Mark Beilman, Thomas A. Burke, Grace Eckland, Brooke Infusino, Amy Mlot, Rene O’Connor, Tom Reiherzer, Cynthia Simonsen, Lanetta Virgil

**LEO’s present:** County Executive Jim Kreuser, Walworth County Board Chair Nancy Russell

**Others present:** Doug Bartz, Karen Burns, David Cole, Stephanie Elmer, Rebecca Freund, Jacquetta Gilman, David Hazen, Mark Mundl, Hope Otto, Nicole Punko, Marilyn Putz, Jacob Walton, John Anderson

**Call to Order:**

- Board Chair, Nicholas Galich, called the meeting to order.

**Silent Roll Call:**

- Rebecca Freund completed silent roll call.

**Citizen Comments:**

- No Comments.

**Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2017 Board meeting:**

- Dr. Bryan Albrecht made a motion to accept the December 5, 2017 minutes as written with Susan Chandek seconding.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP/Big Step) – Presentation by Matt Waltz, Michelle Blanchard, Jacob Walton, and John Anderson**

- WRTP’s Mission is to enhance the ability of public and private sector organizations to recruit, develop and retain a more diverse, qualified workforce in construction, manufacturing, and emerging sectors of the economy.
- WRTP is setting up an office in Southeast Wisconsin – at Gateway Technical College in Racine, with a Grand Opening scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- FoxConn is anticipating about 10,000 construction per year during their 4 year project build.
- Trainings that are held are driven, developed and conducted based on what an employer wants. There are 18 different building trades in SE WI.
- They also run an employment agency – TRIADA - they take a potential employee for a company and put them on the payroll and work with them to become a valued employee for that company.
- Youth apprenticeships are available to engage youth in the building trades whether in or out of school.
- CWP – Community Workforce Partnership – is a formal network of community based organizations that provide specialized services often needed to address the barriers to employment in specific communities.

Rodney Prunty asked about the funding sources. Matt Waltz stated that there are about 60 funding sources that are utilized, some being: Department of Labor, City and County funding, DWD, private grants through foundations, from the trades - - - anything that may be a fit, they explore further.

Rodney Prunty inquired about numbers served and if there’s a projection for those that will be served in Racine. Matt Waltz said that WRTP serves about 4,000 people in some capacity with about 2,000 of those having in-depth services and there’s approximately 1,000 that get placed. WRTP is working with Racine County on the Uplift 900 program to get individuals into Career Pathways but within the first year, they are thinking around 250 will be worked with and hoping to grow that number.

Rodney Prunty asked if there were any conversations with Racine Unified School District and Matt Waltz stated that they want to get engaged with Racine Unified and to be in the schools.

Derek D’Auria asked how the training programs differ from the technical colleges. Matt Waltz stated that, for example, Gateway offers a carpentry construction training program. WRTP will offer training for all of the building trades and tend to be very short.

Derek D’Auria asked if the programs would be held on-site. Matt Waltz said that they have quite a bit of space at Gateway, some space with the Labor Temple in Racine and then work with all the different building trades, as well, to give participants the skills right on site.

Derek D'Auria asked if this would extend out to Walworth County. Matt Waltz stated that right now, they are just getting started in Racine but wants to work with all of Southeast.

Dr. Bryan Albrecht stated that they have been great partners in helping build out an alignment of services. This is a way to recruit and attract more people into those fields.

**Fiscal Report (handout) – Jacquetta Gilman, Kenosha County Fiscal:**

- Spent down most of PY16 carryover funds and have 97,000 remaining in Adults.
- PY17 funds are on pace for Youth and Admin.
- Several recent dislocations, so funds are slightly higher in Dislocated Worker program.
- 20% work experience for Youth has been met for PY16 and we are pace to meet that for PY17.
- Rodney Prunty made a motion to accept the fiscal report with Ron Frederick seconding.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**TechHire Update – Mark Mundi, Racine County Workforce Solutions:**

- Moving forward with another cohort for the summer.
- Recent placements are making around \$20.00 an hour.
- Building relationships with employers in order to move the participants into employment.

**WAGE\$ Update – Nicole Punko, Walworth County Job Center:**

- 22 employer meetings since December, mostly on Advanced Manufacturing.
- February 15, 2018, an apprenticeship forum was held – 50 employers attended.

**Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act WIOA Update – Doug Bartz:**

- **Regionalism**
  - Under the new State plan, in regions where it makes sense after they look at analysis of several different factors that workforce regions come together to work on workforce plans on how the region can be better served.
  - After the State has taken a look at the analysis through commuting patterns, unemployment and industry and determined that WOW (Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington), Milwaukee, and Southeast are looking at regionalism.
  - There is an MOU in place with WOW and Milwaukee already stating that where it makes sense, they will work together.
  - Technical Assistance will be provided.
- **State Monitoring**
  - October 2017, the State monitoring was held – EEOC and Civil Rights, Accessibility, Program, Fiscal.
  - We have responded to that Monitoring and are working on being in compliance with everything.
- **Federal Monitoring**
  - Scheduled to have a 4 day visit from the Federal Government but due to the shutdown, it was cancelled but then once they opened, it was decided that they would come for 2 days.
  - We are in process of working on the response with the State.
  - There are changes that will need the Board's approval at the June meeting.

Matt Waltz asked if there were any findings or anything the Board should be aware of before the report comes out. Doug said that the report was issued and there are a couple findings and work is being done with the Executive Committee to make sure that we are in compliance with what needs to be done.

**Other Items as Allowed by Law:**

- Doug Bartz commented that it's been sometime since an ITA (Individual Training Account) has come before this Board for approval. ITA's are now called ETPL's (Eligible Training Provider List). The State is setting up a system for companies to resubmit their applications in order to be part of the ETPL. This list will be updated more frequently so that what the tuition is listed is, is what WIOA can be billed for.

**Board Chair Comments:**

- Nicholas Galich said Thank You for coming today and reiterates the importance of the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you can let Doug and/or Rebecca know at your earliest convenience if you are unable to be in attendance.

**Local Elected Official Comments:**

- County Executive Kreuser says Thank You again for coming and again, June is very important.

- Nancy Russell asked if the WRTP presentation could be sent out to the Board and Matt Waltz gave permission for Rebecca to share with the Board.

**Next meeting:**

- Next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2018 in the Hearing Room at the Kenosha County Center (Hwys. 45 & 50) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Adjournment:**

- Dr. Bryan Albrecht made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Matt Waltz seconding.
- Meeting adjourned.