**Southern Indiana Works**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**April 30, 2024**

**2125 State St., Suite 16, SIW Conference Rm., New Albany, IN 47150**

**Board Attendance:**  Craig White, Darrell Voelker, Brian Keith, Wendy Dant Chesser, Ryan Pavlina

**Others in attendance:** Tony Waterson, ShiLese Stover, Carla Crowe, Brittany Dougherty, Serena Davis

**Welcome and Introductions:** Craig White, Chair, called the meeting to order and opened the floor for any to declare a conflict of interest. There was none.

**New Business**

* **Minutes - 10/17/23:** Motion to accept minutes from 12/19/23 made by Wendy Dant Chesser. Second by Darrell Voelker. Motion carried.
* **March Financials:** Reviewed financials.Motion to accept the March financials as presented made by Brian Keith. Second by Darrell Voelker. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Information:**

* **SIW Talent Summitt 2024:**

ShiLese discussed the success of our 2024 State of the Workforce Summit. Net profit for the previous year was $1,798.00, and the profit for 2024 was $6,700.00.

* **Next Generation Talent**
* **JAG Expansion**: We are going from four programs to fifteen by August 2025. We anticipate going bigger if we can get more schools to participate.
* **SummerWorks**: There were eighteen participants last year, and this year we have thirty-eight positions available. Some partners for the program are Metro United Way, Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, Caesars Foundation, Cities of Charlestown, New Albany, Jeffersonville, Clarksville, as well as Floyd County, and Clark County.
* **Resources Development:** Grants we are applying for:
	+ CFSI: $5.5 million
	+ Duke Energy: $7.3 million
	+ CHE: $1 million
	+ Opportunity at Work: $300,000
	+ Ascend Indiana: $145,000
	+ CFSI, Capacity Grant: $20,000
* **Strategic Planning:** This year we are required to revise our WIOA/Local Regional Plan,and since it’s been over three years since our last strategic planning was conducted, we are combining the tasks.We will be forming a new strategic planning committee and conducting surveys and interviewsto determine where to focus our vision now.
* **Staffing Updates/Changes:**
	+ Our new One-Stop-Operator is Jenni Brown.
	+ Teresa Moulton has been promoted to Youth Program Manager, which is a new position.
	+ We will be hiring a Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, which is a new position, to work with Teresa Moulton.
	+ We are interviewing for Teresa’s previous position, Continuing Education Coordinator.
	+ Vince Kinman is our new Business Consultant.
	+ Carrie Baylor’s title has changed. She in now the Program Coordinator for two programs.
	+ Eckerd staff will be hiring new employees under Jodie Beatty.
	+ Our plan for reaching outer counties is changing. We will no longer have affiliate sites, but rather will have several new ‘community or neighborhood locations’ in various areas that will make it easier for customers to reach.
* **Advocacy—WIOA Reauthorization:** The Stronger Workforce of America Act is the current WIOA Reauthorization bill that has now passed through the committee unanimously as well as the House. It’s now in the Senate. The points most important to advocate for are the workforce boards to be able to use funding as they deem necessary—not having 50% of the funding mandated to use for only training, support for Pell grants to be allowed to fund short term certifications, and not losing another 10% of funding to the state, but rather remaining locally accessible.

**Other Business**:

* No other business noted.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Brian Keith. Second by Wendy Dant Chesser. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Serena Davis

Administrative Assistant