



# C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation

*“Community Action Agency”*

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**Consortium Meeting**  
**December 16, 2024**  
**4:00PM**

**Location: C.E.F.S. Building**  
**1805 S. Banker Street**  
**Effingham, IL**

**Zoom:**

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**Meeting Password:** 456670

**Meeting ID:** 896 3304 4026

- I. Welcome – Call to Order/Roll Call – Chair Bushur
- II. Approval of Minutes of the 9/16/24 Meeting – **Page 2**(Action Required) – Chair Bushur
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Chair Bushur
- IV. Partner Training - Kelly Denton, WIOA Program Director
- V. General Information
  - a. Business Services Update – Dawn Bennett, Business Service Coordinator
  - b. OSO Report – Kelly Denton, WOIA Program Director
  - c. Other Agenda Items Discussion – Chief Bushur
- VI. Partner Reports – All
- VII. Old Business / New Business – Chair Bushur
- VIII. Public Comment – Chair Bushur
- IX. Motion to Adjourn – Chair Bushur



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# One-Stop Consortium of Local Workforce Innovation Area 23

Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2024

## Welcome - Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the LWIA 23 Consortium Committee was called to order at 4:01 pm on Monday, September 16, 2024 by Kevin Bushur.

## Members Present:

Gareld Bilyew, Casey Burgholzer (video), Kevin Bushur (video), Kelly Denton, Rob Jackman (video), Carolynne Jorgenson (video), Nancy Purdy, Chris Strohl

## Members Absent:

## Others Present:

Jamie Corda Hadjaoui, Debbie Whitacre, Carol Tracy, Elaine Nuding, Devon Kroeger, Joy Kaurin, Kala Lambert, Adam Flack

## Approval of Minutes

There were no questions or concerns after reviewing the June minutes. Chris Strohl made a motion to approve the minutes and Casey Burgholzer seconded. Motion Carried.

## Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No conflicts were disclosed.

## Agency Training

Adam Flack from the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) gave a briefing/training on rehabilitative services provided by the agency. He covered Vocational Rehab and Home Services programs which assist people with disabilities and their families in making informed choices to achieve full community participation through employment, education, and independent living opportunities. Participants meet twice a year and must maintain open communication with their counselor(s). They must have a justification for their disability and want to work or be willing to work. DRS will explore any limitations and assess the situation to see exactly what can be done. This is a person-centered or focused service and the possibility of redirection is an option. Many great services are available to those families with members who have a disability. Please reach out to Adam if there are any questions on how DRS can assist or Carolynne Jorgenson who covers more of the southern counties in our area.

## Business Services Update

Devon Kroeger stated that the Business Services Team met on July 17th, August 21st, and the next one will be on Sept 18th at 1:00 p.m. online. Freddie Buckingham will be leading these meetings until the CEFS Business Coordinator is up to speed. The last couple of meetings have had great turnout and the overall sharing of upcoming events and information has been great. Devon is hopeful that the BST will continue to thrive and grow in efforts to support the local workforce and partners.

There was a Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) manufacturing collaborative held on July 23rd at the Effingham Public Library. There were 10 in attendance and 4 from our local manufacturing partners. Businesses are having difficulty keeping employees in those demanding positions for long periods. They either are seeking out higher wages or realize that the physically demanding positions are not for them. Freddie Buckingham and Scott Cohoon (both with IDES and both TPM Certified) will be in charge of future TPM collaboratives.

## One Stop Operator Report

Kelly Denton reported that they met the previous week and was excited to share that the One Stop finally had their new door signage up (photo was shared by Casey Burgholzer) and it looked great. Kelly also added the CEFS business hours to the front door since they differ from the One Stop. They continue to meet monthly and the OSO is developing a survey for all their customers.

## Other Agenda Items Discussion

None

## Partner Reports

**WIOA** – Kelly stated that 241 customers have been enrolled. PY23 measures were all met or exceeded. They are currently in the process of performance negotiations. All their career planners have been busy and there has been some changes to staff. In Mattoon, one career planner was let go, leaving 2 other career planners in that office and in Centralia, a new career planner has been hired and started. There have been business layoffs in our area, including Midwest Transport (75 employees in region) and KFC in Charleston (no exact number).

**LLC Adult Ed.** – Chris Strohl stated that there are currently 284 enrolled. 164 are ESL, which has seen an increase, and the remainder are GED participants, which has stayed consistent.

**KC Adult Ed.** – No report.

**DRS** – Carolynne stated that there are 86 currently in their STEP program, which is an influx from the previous year. They have around 40 for job placement and approximately 300 cases in various programs.

**Title V** – No report.

**CSBG** – No report.

**DHS** – No report.

**Perkins** – Joy Kaurin stated that they have 57 currently enrolled for direct support. They are working on having the flyer translated into Spanish and French. Overall increase with ELA students and those wanting to go into the BNA program.

### **Old Business / New Business**

Kevin Bushur stated that the fiscal agent transition is going smoothly and all parties continue to meet weekly. CEFS is hiring 3 new employees. Cindy Mayer, who is currently with the CEFS Outreach office, has been chosen to be the director.

### **Public Comment**

Chris Strohl thanked the Board staff for their work with WIOA.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm, Gareld Bilyew made the motion, Chris Strohl seconded. Meeting adjourned.