

**LOCAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION AREA
LIVINGSTON COUNTY REALIGNMENT CONSULTATION
MAY 24, 2018 - AGENDA**

***Historic Courthouse (Meeting Room)
112 W. Madison Street
Pontiac, IL 61764***

SESSION I – Deb Waldrop led introductions and provided an overview of the session. John Barr presented on the Department of Labor findings. David Gallagher presented the data background information and data packets.

- I. Introduction / Overview
- II. Realignment Presentation
 - a. Introduction
 - b. Illinois' Approach to Regional Planning
 - c. US Department of Labor Finding
 - d. Data Factors
 - e. Service Delivery Impact
 - f. Fiscal Impact
- III. Regional Planning Data
 - a. County Demographics
 - b. Community Colleges
 - c. Labor Market Information
 - d. Other
- IV. Next Steps

DISCUSSION & COMMENTS

- There was a specific question regarding the realignment and whether the decision had been made or if input is being considered.
 - The State team responded that the data has been analyzed and alternative solutions have been taken in to consideration. Moving LWIAs makes the most sense based on the data. The recommendation has been made to the Governor and it has been accepted since the turnaround time is coming up quickly. Alternative methods will need to be justified to the Department of Labor. The state did ask to have until July 1, 2020 to implement changes fully to align with planning requirements that are due in 2020 already.
- It was stated that the County Board Chairs are on board with the realignment and stressed that 2020 would be beneficial with the amount of work involved. The board is prepared to serve the new counties within the LWIA to the best of their abilities. Strong members are needed within the LWIA to make coordination successful.

SESSION II – Deb Waldrop presented information on governance, service delivery and John Barr presented information on funding and fiscal impact and performance.

- I. Overview of the Technical Session
- II. Realignment Technical Presentation / Checklist
 - a. Local Elected Officials Agreement
 - b. WIOA Governance Documents
 - c. Fiscal Management
 - d. Service Delivery & System Requirements
 - e. Performance Management & Reporting
- III. Questions & Follow Up

DISCUSSION & COMMENTS

- There were several questions pertaining to funding and how it would be affected by a realignment. Are the funds that are aligned to the county required to be spent within the county? If the money is geared for Livingston but can be spent in whatever LWIA they are in, why would there be a change at all in the amount of funding?
 - The State team responded that funding is not specific to a county but the entire region and does not need to be spent within the specific county. The funding methodology is based on population and three formula drivers. The funding will move to where it is needed.
- There was a specific question on how to ensure a seamless transition to customers.
 - The State team responded that this would be a point of negotiation within a transfer of LWIAs. Programs must be on an approved state list to provide training. There is local flexibility to establish a preference on training providers. All local workforce areas must follow the State Eligible Training Provider Policy
- The local workforce staff requested specific data points from the State Team including the number of underemployed with the County and LWIA and the number of those exiting college or alumni that are unable to find employment in their field of study.
 - The State team indicated that they are working to identify a valid methodology regarding the “underemployed” data request.
- The merging LWIAs discussed services that are offered within LWIA 15. Both LWIAs stressed the importance of a resolution sooner rather than later for staffing purposes.