

**Chief Elected Officials
(Hybrid) Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2023**

The Chief Elected Officials meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Chairman James Duffy. Roll Call was taken.

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti			LaDon Trost		X

PROXY: Steve Malavolti to Keane Hudson, Wayne Reising to Jim Duffy

OTHERS PRESENT: Carrie Folken, Jo Ann Johnson, Jessica Green

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Keane Hudson motioned to approve the June 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion as seconded by Chris Flikkema. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti			LaDon Trost		X

Motion carried.

Business Meeting

Reappointment of NCI Works Members

Carrie informed members that each year a third of the NCI Works membership is up for reappointment. She said that the state has changed their process for completing the paperwork, so we are in the process of contacting those members to see if they are interested in being reappointed effective October 1, 2023. Carrie said that some may not wish to be reappointed, but since we did not have that information, we were asking the CEOs to include all members and then if a member chooses to not be reappointed we can begin working to refill that vacancy. Carrie told members that the following member's terms will expire September 30, 2023:

Ed Bochniak	Mary Boogemans	Danelle Burrs
Robin Dedmond Thompson	Vanessa Hoffeditz	Deana Jones
Robert Lentz	Kevin Lindeman	Daniel Payette
Cary Robbins	Joel Torbeck	Gerald Waszkowiak

Chris Flikkema motioned to reappoint the following NCI Works members for a three year term effective October 1, 2023 with the understanding that if one of these members chose to not be reappointed, staff will begin working for a replacement for that vacancy.

Ed Bochniak	Mary Boogemans	Danelle Burrs
Robin Dedmond Thompson	Vanessa Hoffeditz	Deana Jones
Robert Lentz	Kevin Lindeman	Daniel Payette
Cary Robbins	Joel Torbeck	Gerald Waszkowiak

Motion was seconded by Keane Hudson. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti			LaDon Trost		X

Motion carried.

Recertification of NCI Works

Carrie informed members that every two years, the full Local Workforce Board (NCI Works) needs to be recertified by the State. With the state changing their process for completing the paperwork, she asked members to reappoint the following NCI Works members and if anyone withdraws their membership from the Board adjustments can be made for refilling the vacancies.

Dave Argubright	Ed Bochniak	Mary Boogemans
Lyndsay Bliss	Danelle Burrs	Robin Dedmond Thompson
Marcia Derrer	Sara Escatel	Abby Farrell
Dan Fitzgerald	Janet Graham	Patricia Head
Linda Hessenberger	Vanessa Hoffeditz	Deana Jones
William Keene	Rhonda Krueger	Robert Lentz
Kevin Lindeman	Terry McGuire	Dwayne Mentgen
Dr. Tracy Morris	Marcie Mulholland	Kris Noble
Daniel Payette	Thomas Pigati	Cary Robbins
Len Saunders	John Spencer	Teresa Strum
Joel Torbeck	Gerald Waszkowiak	DeAnne White

Chris Flikkema motioned to approve the recertification of NCI Works with the understanding that if any of the member(s) wish to redraw their members from the Board adjustments will be made to refill the vacancy(ies). Motion was seconded by Keane Hudson. Roll call vote was taken.

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti			LaDon Trost		X

Motion carried.

Approval to Apply for Partners for Reentry Opportunities in Workforce Development (PROWD) Grant

Carrie informed members that the PROWD grant is an initiative launched by the Department of Justice and Department of Labor to provide targeted employment services to federally incarcerated individuals as they approach community reentry. The initiative, Carrie said, is authorized under the First Step Act

of 2018. They have given these funds to DCEO to oversee the program in Illinois. Carrie said that she was approached a few weeks ago to be a part of a listening call where she was asked to apply for funds since Thomson Prison is located in our Local Workforce Area. The funds, she said, would be used to support an advocate to help these individuals with resources to reintegrate themselves back in the community. The individuals would be given a cell phone, hot spot and computer to use to work with the advocate for case management, job search, etc. Additionally, they will be given up to \$20,000 to use for needs such as first and last month rent. Although there are 115 eligible individuals for this program in Thomson, the number given as a ball park for our area was 10. Carrie said that the program is voluntary, so not all may be interested in participating. Carrie told members that our staff has experience with working with these individuals and feel comfortable applying for the grant. Carrie said that the funds would funnel through our agency and we would have a full-time staff person running the program. The majority of the case management would be done electronically.

Kerwin Paris motioned to approve the application for the PROWD grant. Motion was seconded by Chris Flikkema. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti			LaDon Trost		X

Motion carried.

Request approval for any grant modifications (if necessary)

Carrie informed members that last Friday, we received information from DCEO about an application for State Supplemental Grant Funds. Carrie said that a webinar is scheduled for later this week where more specific information will be available. She told members that BEST is slated to receive about \$452,153.39 based on a loss in allocations and rural and community needs. Carrie provided an overview of the grant and noted that it is due by October 1. After discussion, Kerwin Paris motioned to authorize Carrie to proceed with the supplemental grant fund application and submit to DCEO. Motion was seconded by Chris Flikkema. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti			LaDon Trost		X

Motion carried.

Other Business

Jim informed members that the next CEO Meeting will be held on October 23, 2023 following the BEST Board of Director’s Meeting. He said that there is a possibility the meetings will need to be changed to another location due to the elevator at the Old Lee County Courthouse being repaired.

Public Comments


None

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Jo Ann Johnson

Approved by:

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Wayne Reising
Secretary