

**LOCAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION AREA  
DEWITT COUNTY REALIGNMENT CONSULTATION  
TUESDAY, June 12, 2018 - AGENDA**

***DeWitt County Courthouse, Board Room  
201 West Washington  
Clinton, IL 61727***

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 packs.

- 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 were several questions regarding the timeline of the realignment process.
  - The State team pointed to the high-level timeline that is included in the Executive Summary document. The State has requested until June 30, 2020 to complete the realignment process. It is anticipated that the US Department of Labor will provide a response to this request by June 30, 2018. The state must initiate the consultation meetings now as part of the response to the 2017 DOL finding because the State will be monitored again in July 2018.
- There was a specific concern regarding when the Economic Development Regions were established and how long certain counties have been out of compliance.
  - The State team explained that the regions were set in 2003 by DCEO, but the compliance issues are related to new requirements under WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act). There was no state level expectation of such a strict interpretation by the federal authorities related to alignment boundaries. However, the

boundaries and their requirements are new and relate to specific regional planning requirements that are also new to WIOA. These regional planning requirements require the local workforce areas to be located with regional planning areas.

- There was a specific question regarding the data and when it was collected.
  - The State team explained that the commuting pattern data is taken from the US Census bureau as part of a 5 year rolling process, with new information coming out in 2019. However, the ongoing survey (American Community Survey) process has shown that there is an increase in people commuting to McLean and Macon County and that trend seems to be continuing.
- There was a specific question regarding local community college boundaries discussed and whether population or geography determines them.
  - The State team explained that the community college boundaries are determined by geography. The team pointed out that customer choice of training providers would not be effected. Richland's satellite in Clinton would not be affected.

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 regarding the Chief Elected Officials responsibilities within the realignment process.
  - The State team explained that if the elected officials disapprove of the realignment decision, there are steps that can be taken including an appeals process. The process must be related to data. There is a process for feedback, follow up meetings, or discussions. The timeline requires the initial consultation to be completed by 7/1/18, but follow up is important and the state will provide the opportunity for LWIAs to provide data and have questions answered.
- There was specific discussion on the needs for engagement with economic development leadership when structures and boundaries are set up. The local economic development staff are aware of the DCEO Regional Economic Development staff, but were not aware of EDR boundaries. There was also discussion on the importance of connection between workforce training and economic development professionals in the area. No one wants to be out of compliance, but they would like to be consulted initially so compliance issues make sense.

- There was a specific question regarding the presentation referencing the authority of the governor and whether the state legislature plays a role as well.
  - Staff from Senator Chapin Rose provided a perspective regarding the role of the state legislature in this process.
  
- A representative from the Senator's office requested to know who the point of contact for further discussions would be as the legislative representatives wish to maintain involvement with the process.
  - The State team explained that for general information Deb Waldrop has been appointed as the project manager for the realignment, however, the State team is happy to have meetings and conversations as requested.
  
- There was interest expressed in knowing the other areas affected and what has gone on within those areas.
  - The State team responded by providing information on the relevant differences and relevant similarities between DeWitt's situation and those of Jersey Co., Ogle Co., and other affected areas.
  
- Local workforce staff articulated a desire to provide feedback and continue to be involved in the process.