Community Based Organization
Grantee Meeting
April 18, 2016
Agenda

8:30 am  Morning Motivation  The Cara Program, 237 S Desplaines Street, Chicago, IL 60661

9:15 am  Welcome to the EPIC Pilot Program  
Julio Rodriguez, Deputy Director,  
Office of Employment and Training  
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
DHS Representative,  
Family and Community Services  
Illinois Department of Human Services  
Ray Prendergast  
Employment & Training Analyst  
Food and Nutrition Services – Midwest Region

9:30 am  EPIC Orientation  
Christopher McMorris – Humans Service Case Manager,  
Illinois Department of Human Services

10:00 am  EPIC Grantee Introduction  
Meet and greet the CBO’s that will be providing EPIC services

10:30 am  Introduction to Illinois workNet  
EPIC Tools for Facilitation, Engagement and Tracking  
Illinois workNet

11:00am  EPIC Procedures Manual  
Tammy Stone, Program Manager  
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
12:00  Lunch

1:00 pm  Report to DHS Office  
DHS Office, 401 S Clinton St, Chicago, IL 60607

1:15 pm  Questions and Responses from morning session

1:30 pm  Breakout session  
Breakout by industry sector - Topics to cover includes:

- EPIC Baseline Requirements
  - Are the identified “Hard Stops” appropriate for the sector?
  - Additional information needed to make an informed decision.

- Training Program
  - Course, Competencies, Credentials
  - Establishing consistency in coding activities across industry sectors.
  - Career ladders, establishment and implementation

2:30 pm  Break

2:45 pm  Breakout session  
Breakout by industry sector – Topics to cover includes:

- Career Navigation
  - Define Career Navigator
  - Implementing best practices,
  - Providing holistic services to a career

- SNAP Client Engagement
  - What motivates
  - Methods to maintaining clients
  - Addressing barriers

3:45 pm  Reconvene to discuss afternoon topics

4:30 pm  Adjourn

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