

EAC / CIC List of Accomplishments for 2019

January

WIOA Waiver Update: In-school Youth Individual Training Accounts - The EAC gathered information that will guide changes to the policy and best practices. Guided by the Executive Committee, the EAC led the WIOA joint validation overview on Feb. 6th, and the committee provided recommendations from that overview. The committee looked to local boards to submit members from businesses to attend the overview.

The EAC monitors the **Minimum Training Expenditure Policy Outcomes** and receives briefings on reporting requirements and budget that will tie into the EAC charges.

February

The EAC discussed how the Service Integration Policy would align across services and the identification of opportunities to ensure the systems are connected. The EAC implemented a follow-up process associated with the Service Integration Policy with an expected delivery of Q2 FY20. The EAC suggested that continuous improvement checks be done at six-month intervals and reported back to the EAC. The EAC determined that the Executive Order will overwrite the IWIB and the strategic planning process.

March

EAC provided an overview and status update of waivers for the Unified Plan. Waivers included requests to 1) reduce out of school youth expenditure from required 75% to 50%, 2) expand credential definition for apprenticeship programs for youth, 3) receive an extension for the LWIA realignment, 4) waive the requirement eligible training providers collection of all student data.

The EAC will monitor progress of implementation through reports provided to the EAC, but EAC will not provide specific outcomes. The EAC required implementation timelines, but timelines would be the product of work plan review and approval not directly set by EAC.

The EAC adopted and began implementation of action steps related to the priority activities in the Strategic plan.

April

The EAC adopted the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) reporting standards. DCEO reported to the federal government in its most recent reporting period using the defined performance measures.

The EAC identified its role in the process of program evaluation for WIOA. The role is identified as ensuring the WIOA system is meeting its federally mandated targets.

The EAC adheres to its role in program evaluation as an additional layer of accountability that reviews program evaluation methods and provides feedback if necessary. The EAC will focus on progress made by IWIB committees who are progressing or falling behind on objectives

identified in the strategic plan. Additionally, a focus on programs that are not performing would fall within the purview of the EAC.

May

Amendment to EAC changes: Charge 1, the new language to be adopted reads as “Review evaluation elements of policies, programs, and processes created or overseen by the IWIB to determine the appropriateness of their relationship to their expected outcomes.”

The EAC created a Draft Implementation Plan for Executive Order 2019-03. These strategies form the foundation and base for the Unified Plan. The elements that will be used for measures will need to be examined by EAC, and they will be kept apprised as the implementation planning efforts and coordination with Governor’s office occur.

The EAC created a list of elements to be requested and the committee agreed with the list after minor revisions. The Committee consensus is that summaries should be due at the same time, but that an explanation of each summary be provided at separate EAC meetings.

June

EAC set its Meeting Schedule for FY20 to comply with OMA scheduling requirements.

July 10th – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Aug 14th – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Sept. 19th – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Rend Lake Community College
Oct 9th – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM – online
Nov 13th – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Dec. 12th – Time TBD – Malcom X College
Jan 8th – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Feb 19th – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
March 19th – TBD face-to-face in conjunction with the board meeting
April 8th – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
May 13th – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
June 17th – Time TBD - FTF

The EAC established its priorities for the upcoming year setting a target of 2-3 policies for review in the next year. The EAC will review reports and evaluations for MTE, Service Integration, and One-Stop Certification this year.

The EAC will clearly communicate that outcomes are expected, and that the EAC needs to understand the outcomes and that each policy must have demonstrable outcomes for all work, not just policy.

The EAC has formalized the policy development outcome expectations and completed a self-assessment template to distribute to the committees. The EAC has also updated the policy development process flowchart to include EAC and lessons learned from Minimum Training Expenditure (MTE) and Service Integration Policy.

July

The EAC identified priorities for FY 20 as follows:

1. Evaluate policies
2. Develop an understanding of how WIOA programs are evaluated by their administering agencies, what continuing improvement processes are in place, and what technical assistance is involved to identify the Board's role related to oversight.

The EAC has informed other committees that evaluations are expected for all policies and processes that are submitted. The EAC mandates updates on policy being developed and the Evaluation and Accountability Committee's expectations are clearly communicated back and forth.

The EAC requested the TDL committee for a progress report and determine if it is an active task force.

August

The EAC will receive staff updates from the July meeting's conversation about the MTE data, Service Integration self-assessments and implementation, and Priority Industry Sectors.

September

The EAC changed its name to the Continuous Improvement Committee (CIC). The Committee felt the needs and title of the EAS should be changed to more accurately reflect the purpose and changes to the IWIB and to continually evolve.

October

The Continuous Improvement Committee reviewed the Minimum Training Expenditure in Illinois. Based on policy changes, based on data collected, LWIAs have increased funds spent on direct costs, training expenditures, and personnel have declined significantly. It was noted that there is a great deal of difference for LWIAs in their costs of operation. It was noted that we will still collect data on how funds are spent, how they work, how the LWIAs operate under local conditions, and the way they spend money.

November

The CIC seeks to monitor the Unified State Plan. Based on feedback, the State Unified Plan document is on target for a due date of March 1, 2020. The content is being provided by the Unified Plan committee members. An update will be provided at the IWIB Executive committee meeting to be held November 18th and at the IWIB quarterly meeting on December 12. A new slate of webinars will begin soon to continue to develop the elements of the plan.

The CIC is playing an integral role in the development of the annual report for DOL Region 5, which is in draft format. The document will be provided to IWIB members and core partners for review in the next week. Comments will be used to update, and edits will be incorporated into the document by November 30.

The CIC will play a role in and benefit from US Department of Labor as they form a Peer Learning Cohort. Illinois has applied to participate in the Cohort. As discussed, DOL plans to convene an interactive TA forum to explore design and plan evaluation. Also noted that

participation is restricted to agency staff. At the time of the meeting, CIC is not aware if Illinois had been accepted. The core partners, Title I and III, Title II and IV are involved.