Illinois Innovation Network  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 27, 2021  
1:00 – 3:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions  
Jerry Blazey, IIN Council Chair called the meeting to order. Chair Blazey informed all that reviewers are finishing up a third round of sustaining Illinois seed grant proposals. Fifteen proposals were received this round and an announcement of who will receive awards will be made within the next couple of weeks. The IIN has funded a total of 12 seed grants prior to this round.

Jay Walsh, Interim Vice President for Economic Development & Innovation, University of Illinois System office welcomed everyone and mentioned the STEAM Expo at the State Fair, August 18-22. IIN is partnering with the state of Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology to stand up this activity. IIN staff will be contacting hubs for activities and a presence at the STEAM Expo.

Roll Call  
Lor Pflugmacher conducted roll call. The following Council members answered present: Jerry Blazey, Denise Cobb, Chris Merrett, Beth Cada, Craig MacLauchlan, Bruce Summer, TJ Augustine, Gary Kinsel, Ryan Hendrickson, Susan Martinis, Pradeep Khanna  
Mike Bedell joined at 1:30 PM, Alex Stagnaro-Green joined at 1:28 PM.  
Absent: Leslie Roundtree, Ryan Spain  
IIN/VPEDI Staff Present: Jay Walsh, Kyle Harfst, Jisu Hong, Ben Taylor, Lori Pflugmacher, Jeannette Tamayo

Approval of March 25 Council Meeting Minutes  
Motion to approve by Craig McLauchlan  
Seconded by Gary Kinsel  
Aye: Jerry Blazey, TJ Augustine, Denise Cobb, Ryan Hendrickson, Pradeep Khanna, Gary Kinsel, Susan Martinis, Craig McLauchlan, Chris Merrett, Bruce Sommer  
Nay: None  
Motion carried

Public Comment - no requests for comment received

USDA Presentation - Molly Hammond, the Acting State Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development in Illinois, presented a breakdown of the rural development offices that include the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service.
**Hub Updates**
Paul Leamon, Executive Director presented an update on the Distillery Labs. Leamon shared with the group the focus areas for their hub and the facility to be remodeled.

TJ Augustine, Vice Chancellor for Innovation at the University of Illinois Chicago, provided an update on the UIC Hub. Focusing on computing, drug discovery, and entrepreneurship.

**Approval of Working Committee Charges** – Harfst explained that at the March Council meeting, the Education and Workforce Development Working Committee Charge and the Research and Collaboration Working Committee Charge had been updated and approved by the Council.

Corporate Engagement has been a subcommittee of Entrepreneurship & Corporate Engagement. There has been interest to spin this subcommittee out into a separate working committee. The Executive Committee and the Corporate engagement subcommittee recommend this change. Jisu Hong highlighted several reasons for this recommendation. First, the Corporate Engagement subcommittee now has good member participation and has gained the momentum to stand alone as a full-fledged working committee. Second, by moving the Corporate Engagement subcommittee out of the Entrepreneurship working committee, a structure could be created where the Corporate Engagement committee can better support all IIN working committees as it relates to corporate engagement. Third, the separation will also provide better focus for both working committees.

Motion made by Susan Martinis
Seconded by Ryan Hendrickson

Aye: Jerry Blazey, TJ Augustine, Mike Bedell, Beth Cada, Denise Cobb, Ryan Hendrickson, Pradeep Khanna, Gary Kinsel, Susa Martinis, Craig McLauchlan, Chris Merrett, Bruce Sommer, Alex Stagnaro-Green
Nay: None
Motion Carried

**Confirmation of Working Committee Chairpersons** – Kyle Harfst explained that in separating appointments from working committee charges this would avoid changing charges prior.

Beth Cada – Education and Workforce Development
Bruce Sommer – Entrepreneurship
John Charles (Interim) – Public Policy
Craig McLauchlan – Research & Collaboration (starts July 1, 2021)
Corporate Engagement – open at this time soliciting names for committee chair

Motion made by Susan Martinis
Seconded by Bruce Sommer

Aye: Jerry Blazey, TJ Augustine, Mike Bedell, Beth Cada, Denise Cobb, Ryan Hendrickson, Pradeep Khanna, Gary Kinsel, Susan Martinis, Craig McLauchlan, Chris Merrett, Bruce Sommer, Alex Stagnero-Green
Nay: None
Motion Carried

Advocacy – Jerry Blazey provided highlights from the Altogether Extraordinary presentation from the previous week. He stated that at the upcoming meeting with the Capital Development Board scheduled for June 16, there would be no need in sending an advocacy letter to the CDB director. Chair Blazey indicated that the USDA presentation earlier could be the start of federal agency presentations at future Council meetings. He indicated he would be looking for specific agency interest and will ask hubs for input.

Strategic Planning - Harfst summarized the RFP sent out earlier in May and provided a timeline. The announcement (RFP) was made in early May with a response deadline of June 1. If anyone is interested in being appointed to the ad hoc committee to review submitted proposals, please contact Kyle Harfst.

Election of IIN Officers – September 23, 2021 – Chair Blazey reviewed that at the September 2019 meeting at Governors State University, a governance structure was established for the Council. The structure includes the establishment of an Executive Committee consisting of Council Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and at-large member in addition to Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation at the University of Illinois and the Executive Director of the IIN becoming members. Traditionally, the election of officers takes place every two years.

Adjourn – Jerry Blazey called for a motion to adjourn

Motion made by Craig McLauchlan
Seconded by Susan Martinis

Aye: Jerry Blazey, TJ Augustine, Mike Bedell, Beth Cada, Denise Cobb, Ryan Hendrickson, Pradeep Khanna, Gary Kinsel, Susan Martinis, Craig McLauchlan, Chris Merrett, Bruce Sommer, Alex Stagnero-Green
Nay: None
Motion carried
CALL TO ORDER

- Jerry Blazey, Illinois Innovation Network Council Chair will call meeting to order

- Attendance roll call

  - Jerry Blazey, Northern Illinois University (NIU) (IIN Council Chair)
  - TJ Augustine, University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)
  - Mike Bedell, Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU)
  - Beth Cada, Governors State University (GSU)
  - Denise Cobb, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE)
  - Ryan Hendrickson, Eastern Illinois University (EIU)
  - Pradeep Khanna, Discovery Partners Institute (DPI)
  - Gary Kinsel, Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC)
  - Susan Martinis, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
  - Craig McLauchlan, Illinois State University (ISU)
  - Chris Merrett, Western Illinois University (WIU)
  - Leslie Roundtree, Chicago State University (CSU)
  - Bruce Sommer, University of Illinois Springfield (UIS)
  - Ryan Spain, Distillery Labs
  - Alex Stagnaro-Green, University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Health Sciences Campus-Rockford
MEETING AGENDA

• Approval of March 25 meeting minutes (ACTION ITEM)
• Public comment
• USDA presentation
• Hub updates
  • Distillery Labs
  • University of Illinois Chicago
• Approval of Working Committee Charges
  • Corporate Engagement
  • Entrepreneurship
  • Public Policy
• Confirmation of Working Committee Chairpersons
• Advocacy
• Strategic Planning
• Election of IIN Officers - Sept. 23 Council Meeting
• Adjourn
Rural Development’s (RD) Mission

USDA Rural Development
Committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America.

• Provide **loans, grants, and loan guarantees** that support essential services, such as:
  • Housing
  • Economic Development
  • Health Care
  • First Responder Services and Equipment
  • Water, Electric, and **Telecommunications Infrastructure**
Rural Development Offices

- Rural Business-Cooperative Service
- Rural Housing Service
- Rural Utilities Service
Rural Development includes 3 agencies with unique programs and objectives:

- Rural Utilities Service (RUS)
- Rural Housing Service (RHS)
- Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

Across the three agencies, Rural Development administers over 40 programs.
Rural Development Offices

4 Regions
47 State Offices
400 Area Offices
1 National Office in DC
Illinois Rural Development Offices

State Office – Champaign
Area 1 Offices: Oregon, Princeton, Ottawa
Area 2 Offices: Pontiac, Champaign, Effingham
Area 3 Offices: Mt. Vernon, Marion
Area 4 Offices: Galesburg, Jacksonville, Quincy
Rural Development’s Programs
Business Programs
Business & Industry Loan Guarantees

- Convert, enlarge, repair, modernize, or develop business
- Purchase and develop land, easements, rights-of-way, buildings, or facilities
- Purchase equipment, machinery, supplies, or inventory
- Refinance when new jobs will be created and other conditions are met
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REAP

- Install energy efficient lighting
- Upgrade refrigeration systems
- Improve insulation, duct work, windows, and other building upgrades
- Lower heating and cooling costs with heating, ventilation, and air conditioning upgrades
- Install solar panels or wind turbines
- Purchase anaerobic digesters
Single-Family Housing

• No Down Payment
• 100 Percent Affordable
• Fixed Rate Financing
• Closing Costs and Repairs may be included
• No Prepayment Penalties
Single-Family Home
Repair Loans and Grants

Access for persons with disabilities
Roofs and septic tanks
Energy-saving upgrades, and more.
Wentzville Senior Apartments

Multi-Family Housing
Community Facilities

- Hospitals, health clinics
- Schools
- Daycares
- Fire houses, first responder vehicles and equipment
- Community centers and more
Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants

• Improve infrastructure
• Support public health and safety
• Promote economic development
## RUS Telecommunications Program History

### From electricity to broadband…

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<td>1935</td>
<td>Rural Electrification Administration (REA) created and began providing financing to promote rural electrification</td>
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<td>1949</td>
<td>REA received authority to finance telephone service in rural communities</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>Evolving from the REA, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) required all financed telecommunications networks have the capacity to deliver broadband</td>
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<td>2010 to present</td>
<td>RUS has approved over $8 billion in loans and grants to build out broadband infrastructure and expand distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas</td>
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The need for Broadband Access:

Economic Development:
- Business Retention
- Tourism – Parks & Recreation
- Safety
- Municipal WiFi
- Real Estate
- Healthcare
The need for Broadband Access:

Smart Ag: BB to the Acre

• Tractor Guidance Systems
• Soil and Yield Mapping
• Variable-Rate input application Technologies (VRT)
• Farm Management
• Equipment Control & Monitoring
• Livestock Management
The need for Broadband Access:

Workforce Development:

• Growing Technical Workforce
• Agriculture – Technical Training
• Skilled Labor Growth
• School Collaborations – Dual Credits
• E-Libraries/E-Textbooks
• Home Based Businesses
The need for Broadband Access:

Disconnected/Seven Lessons on fixing the digital divide:

1) Awareness
2) Change
3) Rural Broadband
4) Adoption
5) Digital Skills
6) Affordable Equipment
7) Evaluation and Collaboration

Digital_Divide_Final.pdf (kansascityfed.org)
Rural Broadband Programs

- Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan Program
- Community Connect Grant Program
- ReConnect Program
## Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan Program

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<td>Loans/Loan Guarantees</td>
<td>Primarily benefits communities ≤5K</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Submit through the <strong>RD Apply</strong> online application system</td>
<td>Year-round</td>
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### Available Funding

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### Program Updates

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<td><strong>FY2019</strong></td>
<td>12 loans approved: $181.5 million/10 states impacted</td>
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<td>8 loans approved: $98.6 million/10 states impacted</td>
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<td><strong>FY2021</strong></td>
<td>2 loans approved: $57.5 million/1 state impacted</td>
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<td>5 loans in process: $58.9 million</td>
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## Community Connect Grant Program

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<td>Grants</td>
<td>Areas with populations ≤ 20K</td>
<td>$100,000 - $3,000,000</td>
<td>15% of requested grant amount</td>
<td>Broadband Service: &lt;10/1 Mbps Broadband Grant Speed: ≥25/3 Mbps</td>
<td>Submit through the Community Connect Portal</td>
<td>Applications are not accepted at this time</td>
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### Available Funding

**FY2019**
- $33 million available

**FY2020**
- $29 million available in FY2020 after awarding 8 grants from FY2019 application cycle

**FY2021**
- $35 million available

### Program Updates

**FY2019**
- 12 grants approved: $24.3 million/9 states impacted

**FY2020**
- 8 grants approved: $15.7 million (from the FY2019 Application window)/7 states impacted
- No FY2020 application window due to regulation update

**FY2021**
- Application window closed on December 23, 2020
- 73 Applications received: $146.4 million

Community Connect Grant Program

*New*
Applications can only be submitted electronically through the new online application system.

Resources are available on the website at:
http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants

Contact Information
Loan Origination and Approval Division
Email: community.connect@usda.gov
Call: 202-720-0800
ReConnect Program

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<td>Loan/Grants/Loan-Grant Combinations</td>
<td>Areas with populations ≤ 20K</td>
<td>≤$50 million for loans &amp; loan-grant combinations ≤$25 for grants</td>
<td>For grant-only: 25% of requested grant amount</td>
<td>Broadband Service: &lt;10/1 Mbps Broadband Buildout Speed: ≥25/3 Mbps</td>
<td>Submit through the ReConnect online application system</td>
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<td>FY2019</td>
<td>$550 million available</td>
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<td>FY2020</td>
<td>$655 million available in FY2020 (includes CARES funding)</td>
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<td>FY2021</td>
<td>$635 million available</td>
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Program Updates

- **FY2019 – “Round One”**
  - 146 Applications processed: $1.4 billion
  - 78 100% Grant applications
  - 53 50/50 Loan/Grant applications
  - 15 100% Loan applications
  - 77 awards approved: $663 million/33 States impacted

- **FY2020 – “Round Two”**
  - 172 Applications submitted: $1.57 billion requested
  - 88 awards approved: $675 million/35 States impacted

[https://www.usda.gov/reconnect](https://www.usda.gov/reconnect)
Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Program – The Basics

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<td>Grants</td>
<td>Primarily benefits rural areas</td>
<td>$50,000 - $1,000,000</td>
<td>15% of requested grant amount</td>
<td>Must include hub and end-user sites</td>
<td>Submit through the Grants.gov</td>
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**Available Funding**

**FY2019**
- $64 million available

**FY2020**
- $95 million available

**FY2021**
- $57 million available

**Program Updates**

**FY2019**
- 181 applications received for $58.1 million
  - 145 grants approved for $45.4 million; 38 states & 2 territories impacted

**FY2020**
- FOA #1: 276 applications received for $155.9 million
  - 117 grants approved for $72.4 million

- FOA #2: 534 applications totaling $252.1 million (85 awards - $41.4 million)

**FY2021**
- Accepting applications (April 5 – June 4, 2021)

**Distance Learning** means the **real-time, interactive** delivery of **curriculum via telecommunications** and promotes the connection of students and teachers at remote sites.

- Provide educational programs, instruction, or information originating in one area, whether rural or not, to students and teachers who are located in rural areas; or

- Connect teachers and students, located in one rural area with teachers and students who are located in a different rural area.

**Telemedicine** is a **real-time, interactive, telecommunications** link to an end user from medical professionals at separate sites in order to exchange health care information for the purpose of providing improved health care services to residents of rural areas.

- Benefits rural residents both in reduced travel and improved access to service
Since 2010, RUS has approved over $262 million in projects serving ILLINOIS residents:

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<td>$2.1 Million</td>
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<td>Broadband Initiatives Program</td>
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<td><strong>Grand Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$262.9 Million</strong></td>
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USDA Rural Development Funding in IL

FY 2020 Total RD Investment in rural Illinois: $614,811,017

- Business Programs: $75,506,750
- Community Programs: $79,086,858
- Housing Programs: $355,978,909
- RUS Electric & Telecom: $104,238,500
Molly Hammond
Acting State Director
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Office: 217.403.6203
USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.
HUB UPDATES

- Distillery Labs - Paul Leamon
- University of Illinois Chicago - TJ Augustine
INTRODUCING
DISTILLERY LABS
ILLINOIS INNOVATION NETWORK
MAY 27, 2021
INTRODUCTION
WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE, OUR MISSION

Uniting people, ideas and resources to launch and grow new businesses in the Greater Peoria community.
**How do we accomplish this – Marketplace Framework**

**Entrepreneur**

**Resources**
- Capital
- Advisors/Mentors
- Service Providers
- Talent
- Tools
- Training
- Partners
  - (University, Government, Corporate)

*Match the entrepreneur with the right resource at the right time.*
**HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH THIS - PROGRAMMATIC ELEMENTS**

**EDUCATE**
- training programs
- workshops
- guest presenters

**CONNECT**
- mentors
- capital
- services
- workforce

**INCUBATE**
- co-working
- office space
- design/prototyping

**ACCELERATE**
- accelerator
- capital fund
- corporate

**INCLUDE**
- program scholarships
- sponsored memberships
- community accessibility
WHY ARE WE CREATING DISTILLERY LABS

To be a nationally recognized entrepreneurial hub for startups and innovation.

THAT WILL

- Launch 100s of new companies that hire 1000s of new employees
- Attract new talent to Peoria and retain current talent
- Help finance dozens of companies with angel and VC funding
- Engage founders representing every corner of the community, reflecting our diverse demographics.
THE BRAND “DISTILLERY LABS”

Celebrates our history in distilling entrepreneurship

Illustrates our resilience and adaptability to change

Looks forward to our future of:

DISTILLING IDEAS

1. inspire
2. brainstorm
3. refine
4. prototype
5. test
6. release
FOCUS INDUSTRIES

Smart City
Smart Mobility

Agriculture, Food & Farming Systems

Health and Wellness
Innovation

Your Idea
WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS

2018
Organization & Board Formed

2019
$10 Million State Grant Awarded

2020
Working Groups Launched

JAN 2020
Working Groups Launched

JAN 2020
Working Groups Launched

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Working Groups Launched

JAN 2020
Working Groups Launched

JUN 2020
Design Firms Hired

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Design Firms Hired

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Design Firms Hired

JAN 2021
Executive Director Hired

JAN 2021
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APR 2022
Facility Opens

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Foundational Work & Programmatic Development

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LOCATION
PRELIMINARY RENDERINGS
Located in one of the world's most vibrant cities, UIC is a vital part of the educational, technological and cultural fabric of the region. With more than 33,000 students, 16 colleges, a hospital and a health sciences system, UIC is Chicago's only public research university. We are proud to be recognized as one of the top five most diverse campuses in the nation and as a national leader in providing access to underrepresented students.
WE DISCOVER

UIC is a hub of innovation and cutting-edge research with a strong commitment to discovery and solving real-world problems. Our approach to innovation is strongly rooted in scientific research, discovery, and creating impact. We push the boundaries of traditional research to find new ways that innovation and discovery can be transformed to make a global impact.
WE INNOVATE

UIC is one of the largest hubs in the IIN and is focused on computing, drug discovery, and entrepreneurship. The UIC hub is utilizing a combination of applied research, public-private partnerships, and innovative education programs to spur technology commercialization and economic growth. We are expanding to serve students and support faculty with state-of-the-art facilities for learning and research and working collaboratively across the campus to foster a culture of entrepreneurship.
The UIC Innovation Center makes innovation accessible. The Center teaches and delivers innovation through corporate sponsored classes, labs, and programs. It offers new tools, methods and additional ways of thinking to generate actionable innovation. For corporate sponsors, the Center provides problem solvers. For UIC faculty and students, it offers alternate ways of identifying and solving complex problems across disciplines.
Innovation Model

CLASSES
The UIC Innovation Center teaches interdisciplinary problem solving and innovation in sponsored classes.

SPONSORED LABS
Interdisciplinary labs drive exploratory development with small teams of dedicated students and faculty. Projects range from a semester long to multiple years. The timeline of a project depends on the desired outcome, complexity, and project evolution.

CONSULTING
The Innovation Center’s project lab is staffed by UIC alumni and runs projects for corporate sponsors as well as university partners.
Expansion

UIC Innovation Center expansion will provide an additional 15,000 SF to support collaborative work with new and existing partners.

It will feature collaborative spaces, a maker space, meeting areas, and corporate sponsored labs.
INNOVATION EDUCATION teaches students to solve complex problems in interdisciplinary teams.
Innovation solves problems and develops talent for CORPORATE PARTNERS.
Innovation is an essential aspect of ENTREPRENEURSHIP.
Innovation can elevate the **VISIBILITY** of our accomplishments.
OSF HealthCare Lab

OSF HealthCare Lab at the UIC Innovation Center is helping to rethink how care is provided in an urban community. Interdisciplinary teams of students and faculty address community health challenges and identify ways to ensure those most in need have access to quality care.
CHA Partnership

Community Health Advocacy (CHA) is a partnership between UIC and the Jump Simulation & Education Center at OSF HealthCare that brings together faculty researchers and health care professionals to develop innovative solutions to health-related problems in an urban community. The teams work together to hypothesize, test and redesign tools used by caregivers every day to find new solutions aimed at improving access and quality of care.
CHA Projects

The CHA partnership is built on the premise that a multidisciplinary approach to applied research, technology development and innovation can benefit patient care. UIC faculty and clinicians from OSF HealthCare may apply for grants. Selected projects will focus on combating community health challenges.
APPROVAL OF WORKING COMMITTEE CHARGES

- Corporate Engagement
- Entrepreneurship
- Public Policy
CONFIRMATION OF WORKING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- Corporate Engagement - future confirmation
- Education and Workforce Development - Beth Cada
- Entrepreneurship - Bruce Sommer
- Public Policy - John Charles
- Research and Collaboration - Craig McLauchlan
AGENDA

• Advocacy
• Strategic planning
• Election of IIN Officers - September 23 meeting
• Adjourn (ACTION ITEM)
• Next meeting: September 23, 2021