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## Area business leader leads local workforce investment board

*(Freeport, Ill.)*—Len Carter, of Freeport, was recently elected chairman of the Northwest Illinois Workforce Investment Board (WIB). He is the vice president of human resources for FHN in Freeport, Ill.

The WIB serves as an advisory group for the state and oversees federal and state workforce development resources in northwest Illinois, including training and educational funding, career advice, and business and job seeker resources. This five-county board serves businesses and residents in Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson and Whiteside Counties.

Carter has served on the WIB, in an unpaid volunteer capacity, for three years, and most recently served as its vice chairman and executive committee member. He takes over the position of chairman from Jennifer Dallas, of Amcore Bank in Sterling. Dallas, from a Dixon resident, remains on the WIB's executive committee as immediate past chairman.

Carter has held several senior level human resource leadership roles for 26 years. Since 1992 he has been the vice president human resources for FHN where he has led the integrated healthcare system to achieve the Working Mothers Top 100 and AARP Top 25 recognition.

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Carter chairs WIB

In addition to his current role at FHN, Len has led human resource services for Children's Hospital Inc., in Columbus, Ohio; Fairfield Medical Center, in Lancaster, Ohio; and Franklin Hospital District, in Benton, Ill. Carter holds both a Bachelors and Masters Degree.

Carter is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and is currently present of the Rockford SHRM Chapter. He is also active as an Illinois Compensation Trust Board member, which is owned and governed by its member hospitals.

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*(The NWIL WIB is a business-driven entity that oversees federal and state workforce development resources in northwest Illinois, including educational funding, career advice, and business and job seeker resources. Through partnerships with businesses, labor, educators, economic development professionals, community-based organizations, and numerous social service and government agencies, the WIB works to improve the quality of life for the citizens and business in northwest Illinois. It serves the businesses and citizens of Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Carroll, Ogle and Whiteside Counties.)*