

**Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County
Planning and Monitoring Committee**

**Thursday, April 28, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.
IBEW**

Members Present

Antonio DiTommaso
Eric Davis

Tia Toles
Brian Pritchard

Members Absent

Mark Ragozine
Latasha Johnson
Dale Foerster

Guests Present

William Turner, Executive Director, WDB
Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor
Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant
Kim Barrell, OMJ Administrator

Committee Chair, Eric Davis called the meeting to order followed by roll call with quorum in attendance. Mr. Davis requested a motion to accept the January 20, 2022 minutes as written and sent via email.

Motion: by Mr. DiTommaso to accept the January 20, 2022 minutes as written and sent via email.

Second: by Ms. Toles

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Result: Motion Carried

Mr. Davis deferred to staff for their reports on agenda items.

RESEA- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program- Mrs. Barrell provided an update of the Unemployment program. Mrs. Barrell reports that with the transition to the ARIES system, OMJ has had trouble pulling information for RESEA. Mrs. Stanyard stated that the RESEA numbers are down because of low unemployment numbers.

(NOTE: The ARIES system is running into many issues and the OMJ staff are having issues with logging in and retrieving and inputting information into the system.)

Opioid Grant- Mrs. Barrell stated that the Opioid Grant has ended 3/31/2022, and been surrendered back to the state.

Fresh Start Grant- Mrs. Barrell announced that the new opioid grant, Fresh Start Grant, is starting to roll out. The administrative staff are creating a budget including peer support employment and an employer outreach forum.

Ohio To Work- Mrs. Barrell updated the committee as the WDB, Jobs Ohio, NUCA, and Regional Chamber are beginning a collaborative effort with Mahoning County to try to improve the referral process between entities for Manufacturing, IT, and Healthcare sectors. There are various job fairs scheduled throughout the region including May 11, 2022 at the Eastwood Mall. Staff continues to train, career coaching, through OTW.

COVID 19 Employment Recovery National Dislocated Grant update- Mrs. Barrell reports that the Grant will end 6/30/2022. There is still difficulty in recruiting dislocated workers. Mrs. Barrell stated that OMJ would look closely into co-enrolling.

TEAM update- Mr. Turner updated the committee on the status of the consortium. Mr. Turner announced that they will be hiring a TEAM outreach representative, one for each state involved.

Business Resource Network Grant- Mrs. Barrell announced that OMJ Trumbull was awarded a BRN Grant from the State of Ohio to continue business outreach efforts. The WDB staff along with Mrs. Barrell have hired a BRN representative and has started and is doing well acclimating.

Monitoring- Mrs. Barrell stated that the OMJ Center has recently completed a state monitoring review for the CCMEP for program year 2020.

RETAIN Update- Mr. Liogas provided an update concerning the RETAIN program progress. Mr. Liogas reports that Phase II of the grant has begun. OMJ is assisting with the expansion into the other regions, Toledo and Cincinnati. OMJ participated in a webinar that provided help and lessons learned about the implementation and outreach to employers.

Expenditures and Enrollments- Mrs. Barrell reported that expenditures are picking up, in particular OJT's. Vince is doing a great job reaching out to employers and selling the OJT program.

Monitoring Update- Mrs. Barrell updated the committee on the results of the State CCMEP monitor visit conducted in December 2021. Mrs. Barrell stated that there were only a small finding to which the continuous improvement plan was submitted and has already been corrected and accepted by the State.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Davis announced that the next WDB meeting will be held May 19, 2022 at Café 422 and adjourned the meeting.

2022 Meeting Dates – Quarterly meetings will be held on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.:
~~January 20, 2022~~, April 28, 2022, July 14, 2022, October 20, 2022

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas WDB Executive Assistant