

**Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County**

**Minutes**

**Thursday, February 17, 2022**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Hippodrome**

**Members Present**

Michael Keys  
Russell Sewell  
William Moore (Lindsay Hildreth)  
Donald Emerson, Jr.  
  
Brian Eskridge (Ashlee Ianucci)  
Herbert Caldwell Jr.  
  
Pete Kefalas  
Dawn Ochman  
  
John Moliterno  
Beth Trace  
Arthur Daly  
John Gargano, Esq. Delegate William Cummings  
  
Scott Brush  
  
Stephen Telego, Sr.  
  
Antonio DiTommaso Jr- Delegate Justin Pence  
Michael Hanshaw  
Brian Pritchard  
Rich Tice  
Eric Davis  
  
Mark Ragozine  
Melissa Capple  
Tia Toles

**Members Absent**

Matthew Foerster  
  
Daniel Vodhanel  
  
LaTasha Johnson (Saulsberry)  
  
Erin Konicek  
Bernadette Bryant  
  
Linsey Gray  
  
Lisa Taddei  
Laura Carey  
  
Tiffany Streeter  
Tyler Harden  
Patricia Nichols  
Dale Foerster  
Thomas Conley

## Guests Present

William Turner, WDB Executive Director  
Kim Barrell, Administrator, OMJ/ TCJFS  
Jenny Carsone, JFS/OMJ Coordinator  
Dimitri Liogas, Executive Assistant  
Ernest Wiley, JFS Supervisor  
William Cummings, TCJFS Fiscal Administrator  
Danette Wasko, WIOA Supervisor  
Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor  
Anthony Stellato, State BSR  
Melissa Maiorano, Chamber of Commerce  
Ms. Sarah Marino, Mercy Health

Mr. Moliterno, Board Chair, called the meeting to order, roll call was conducted with quorum in attendance.

Mr. Moliterno requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting as submitted to the Board.

**Motion:** By Mr. Daly to approve the November 18, 2021 WDB minutes, as written and submitted.

**Seconded:** By Mr. Ragozine

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Unanimously Approved

**Motion:** Carried

Mr. Moliterno requested reports from the Board's Standing Committees.

### OhioMeansJobs Committee

Committee Chair, Mr. Michael Keys announced the last meeting was held February 8, 2022. The committee discussed some items on today's agenda. No action items to bring to the Board. The next scheduled meeting will be on May 10, 2022.

### Youth Committee

Mr. Turner, for Committee Chair, reported that the committee met on January 11, 2022 and discussed various items on today's agenda. The committee received reports from both youth services providers. The next meeting will be on April 12, 2022. The Committee has no action items to bring to the Board.

### Planning & Monitoring Committee

Mr. Davis reported that the last meeting was held January 20, 2021. The committee reviewed expenditures and enrollments among other agenda items discussed today. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2022.

### By-Laws Committee

Mr. Emerson reported a meeting was held August 5, 2021. The next annual meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2022. Nothing additional to report at this time.

### Executive Ad-Hoc Committee

Mr. Moliterno reported the Executive Ad-Hoc Committee last met September 16, 2021. Meetings are scheduled as needed.

## Old Business

### **Opioid Grant:**

Mrs. Barrell gave an update to the Opioid Grant. Grant #3 has ended and remaining funds have been returned to the State. Mrs. Barrell reports that a new Opioid Grant is coming in the near future.

### **COVID 19 NDW Grant:**

Mrs. Barrell stated that the COVID 19 NDW Grant, so far, has two participants. OMJ Continues to look for more opportunities to utilize the grant.

### **Covid 19 Business Resource Network Outreach Grant**

Mrs. Barrell announced that the BRN grant which employed Jason Pavone, has ended effective 12/3/2022. Mr. Turner reports that 100% of the grant had been utilized. Mrs. Barrell reviewed the Grant wrap up activity report included with the agenda.

### **Committee Membership:**

Mr. Turner urged the Board members to join a subcommittee.

### **OMJ Center status:**

Mrs. Barrell announced that the OMJ Center continues to be open to the public. There are still COVID restrictions in place and with limited occupancy, and traffic is very slow. Services are still available via virtually and email. ASPIRE continues to hold in person class at the OMJ Center.

### **ARIES update:**

Mrs Barrell reports that the official transition “go live” date is scheduled for 4/4/2022 to reflect the beginning of a new operating quarter. Training on the new system continues to be held by the State for our local staff.

## New Business

### **Ohio To Work:**

Mrs. Barrell announced that the WDB, Jobs Ohio, NCUSA, and Regional Chamber continue their collaborative effort with Mahoning County MCTA to try to improve the referral process between entities easier. OMJ is regularly meeting with the Jobs Ohio team. A large marketing campaign has launched and OMJ has started receiving referrals. Locally Mrs Barrell reports that they have conducted outreach including Holiday Express (event), Brookfield / Jefferson Schools, and postings on social media.

### **Financial Report & Expenditures:**

Mr. Cummings provided the Board with the WIOA expenditure report as of 9/30/2021. Mr. Cummings provided, and reviewed a report which showed the allocations, obligations, Accruals, and actual expenditures for WIOA Adult, Dislocated, Youth/CCMEP, Opioid, and special grants.

### **RESEA:**

Mrs. Barrell provided the Board an update on the Unemployment RESEA services. Mrs. Barrell reported that OMJ Trumbull is performing admirably according to State reports.

**Outreach:**

Mrs. Barrell updated the committee on the ongoing outreach efforts. Management continues to aggressively promote the OMJ Center through billboard campaigns, signage on buses, postcard distribution, and social media.

**New round of Opioid Funding:**

Mr. Turner announced that there is OMJ Trumbull has received another round of opioid funding. Mr. Turner said OMJ will request a small allocation (64K) and will reengage the courts and community groups. The grant will run through March of 2024.

**OMJ Center Recertification:**

Mr. Turner announced that Trumbull County OMJ Center is due for recertification this year and asked for volunteers to recertify the Center. Mr. Sewell, Mr. Daly, Ms. Toles, Mr. Keys, and Mr. Pritchard volunteered to participate.

**MOU Partner Negotiations:**

Mr. Turner announced that dates have been set for Partner negotiations for the MOU.

**Officer Elections:**

Mr. Turner reminded the Board that Officer elections are scheduled to be held at the next Board meeting May 19, 2022. Anyone interested in running to please notify him.

**Summer Program 2022:**

Mr. Turner announced that Summer Youth program is a go; however, OMJ is waiting on final provisions from the State.

**State of Ohio BRN Grant- New**

Mr. Liogas announced that OMJ is in receipt of a new State of Ohio BRN Grant. The Workforce Board Staff procured an “Employer of Record” for payroll processing. The Board Staff received one proposal. Mr. Liogas requested a motion to award the Employer of Record.

**MOTION: By Mr. Keys to award NESCO/APS and Affiliates LLC. The “Employer of Record”, payroll processing, for the Ohio BRN Grant.**

**Second: Mr. Ragozine**

**Discussion: None**

**Vote: Unanimously Approved**

**Result: Motion Passed**

**Miscellaneous Items**

Ms. Marino, from Mercy Health, provided an update on phase II of the RETAIN program. She stated that they are now enrolling participants in the study and reaching out to employers.

Mr. Brush provided an update on his company activities since they deal with personnel and workforce needs. He also brought a study that was conducted on the disparity of generations as they pertain to work and work life balance and attitudes. Mr. Brush stated that he would forward the study to the Board.

2022 Meeting Schedule – ~~February 17, 2022~~, May 19, 2022, August 18, 2022, November 17, 2022

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas- WDB Executive Assistant

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