

Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County

Minutes

Thursday, August 18, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.

Vernon's Cafe

Members Present

William Ayres

Herbert Caldwell, Jr

Melissa Capple

Laura Carey

Amelia Taggart for Arthur Daly

Eric S Davis

Donald Emerson, Jr

Brian Eskridge

Dale Foerster

William Cummings for John R Gargano

Linsey A Gray

Michael Hanshaw

Tyler Harden

Michael D Keys

John Moliterno

William E Moore

Dawn R Ochman

Brian Pritchard

Mark Ragozine

Russell H Sewell

Tiffany Streeter

Stephen A Telego, Sr

Members Absent

Scott Brush

Bernadette Bryant

Thomas S Conley

Antonio DiTommaso Jr

LaTasha Johnson (Saulsberry)

Pete Kefalas

Erin Konicek

Melissa Maiorano

Patricia Nichols

Lisa Taddei

Rich Tice

Tia Toles

Daniel Vodhanel

Guests Present

William Turner, WDB Executive Director
Kim Barrell, OMJ Administrator
Dimitri Liogas, Executive Assistant
William Cummings, TCJFS Fiscal Administrator Delegate
Danette Wasko, WIOA Supervisor
Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor
Anthony Stellato, State BSR
Teri Lacy, ASPIRE Dir.

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

Chairperson, Mr. Moliterno requested a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting as submitted to the Board via email.

MOTION: By Mr. Emerson to approve the May 19, 2022 WDB minutes, as written and submitted.

Seconded: By Mrs. Foerster

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

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 August 9, 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 November 8, 2022.

Youth Committee

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

Planning & Monitoring Committee

Mr. Davis, Committee Chair, reported that the last meeting was held July 14, 2022. The committee reviewed WIOA expenditures and enrollments among other agenda items discussed today. The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022. No actions items to bring to the Board.

By-Laws Committee

Mr. Emerson reported a meeting was held August 4, 2022. Mr. Emerson reports that after extensive review of the by laws by the committee, and no changes to State and Federal policy, the committee recommended that no changes were necessary to the by laws at this time. The next annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 3, 2023. Mr. Moliterno requested a motion to accept the By Laws as written and submitted to the Board.

MOTION: made by Mr Keys to approve and adopt the Trumbull County Workforce Development Board By Laws amended 8/4/2022 as submitted.

Seconded: by Mr. Ragozine

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

Executive Ad-Hoc Committee

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

Old Business

RETAIN:

Mr. Liogas updated the Board on the progress of the RETAIN Grant. Mr. Liogas reports that Phase II of the grant is progressing and are currently assisting the expanded areas of Toledo and Cincinnati with implementation. Mercy Health continues participant enrollment efforts in the program. Mr. Liogas reports that OMJ is waiting for the sub- grant agreement to be sent from the State to receive the Trumbull County allocation under the grant.

ARIES update:

Mrs. Barrell reports that difficulties persist with the implementation of the new system. OMJ is working diligently with the State to resolve the issues.

Ohio To Work:

Ms. Barrell reported that the WDB, Jobs Ohio, Flying High, NCUSA, and Regional Chamber continue their collaborative effort with Mahoning County MCTA to try to improve the referral process between entities. OMJ is regularly meeting with the Jobs Ohio team. The marketing campaign has been ongoing and OMJ has been receiving referrals. The Ohio to Work grant will end 12/31/2022.

RESEA:

Mrs. Stanyard provided the Board an update on the RESEA services. Mrs. Stanyard reported that OMJ Trumbull numbers are down due to low unemployment rate. Mrs. Stanyard reports that year to date OMJ has conducted 119 RESEA interviews and 111 subsequent interviews.

COVID 19 NDW Grant:

Mrs. Barrell reported that the grant has been extended. Difficulty continues to expend the funds due to the restrictions attached to the funding.

Fresh Start Grant:

Mrs. Barrell announced that the new opioid grant, Fresh Start Grant, implementation plan and budget have been approved. OMJ is seeking an addiction recovery partner to employ a peer support worker through the grants disaster relief employment, which pays the wages for such persons for one year. WDB Staff have procured an Employer of Record for the disaster recovery employment, and are currently coordinating for the Opioid Employer Forum scheduled for September 29 2022.

Summer Program 2022:

Ms. Wasko updated the Board on the results of the summer program. The summer program focused on 80 returning youth. The program ran June 13, 2022 and ran for 8 weeks. JOG facilitated the summer program this year. 64 youth started the program. 100% of participants were paid in the first pay period, 87% were paid in the second pay period, 80% were paid in the third pay period and 75% were paid in the final pay period. Attendance incentive were also given out throughout the program.

State of Ohio BRN Grant:

Mrs. Stanyard reported that the new State of Ohio BRN Grant is in operation. BRN employee Derek Rieser is doing a fine job in reaching out to employers and offering the BRN and OMJ services. His efforts have resulted in an increase in OJT's for the OMJ Center.

New Business

Financial Report & Expenditures:

Mr. Cummings provided the Board with the WIOA expenditure report as of 6/30/2022. 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.

Enrollment and Outreach:

Mrs. Barrell reported that for PY 2021-22 there have been 67 ITA's, 8 OJT's and currently 40 OJT's in the pipeline. Mrs. Barrell reports that OMJ has been trying to increase outreach efforts. Staff has been attending public events, job fairs, and community events. OMJ continues to maintain its social media presence and utilizing other means of outreach.

Governor's Reception- Celebrating Appalachia's Bright Future:

Mr. Turner announced that he attended a Governor's reception at the Governor's mansion. The event was to celebrate Appalachia and to announce 500 million in grants from the DOD for infrastructure and workforce development in the Appalachia region, which includes Trumbull County.

New Trumbull County Website:

Mrs. Barrell announced that OMJ is working on a stand alone website for Trumbull County. In the past, OMJ shared a website with Mahoning and Columbiana counties. However, with the transition to new state systems, it would be more cost effective to create a stand alone website (with the help of Trumbull County's IT dept.). Mrs. Barrell gave a brief tour of the website. The website is almost complete and will go live in the very near future.

Discussion- Incumbent Worker:

Mr. Turner and Mrs. Barrell engaged the Board on conversation of the Incumbent Worker Training Program. Mrs. Barrell reintroduced the policy to the Board and the intent to update the policy and to start offering the program to employers. A discussion broke out and questions were asked about covered costs, percentage of coverage and eligibility. Mr. Prichard and Mrs. Foerster stated that they have training scheduled for their employees and asked if the policy will be updated and offered in time for their training. Mr. Turner stated that the policy is currently in development and should be completed with executive committee approval in one to two weeks.

Opioid Employer Forum:

Mr. Turner announced that the Opioid Employer Forum has been set for September 29, 2022 from 9am – 1pm at The Avalon Inn and Resort. Speakers and agenda are being developed.

WIOA / Trade Co-Enrollment:

Mrs. Barrell announced that OMJ continues to look into the opportunities to co-enroll participants with other programs including Trade and TANF.

Miscellaneous Items

Youthbuild Youth Services- extension #1

MOTION: - By Mr. Keys to extend Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority (Youthbuild) contract for one year (9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023) as provider of CCMEP/WIOA youth services. (1st extension)

Seconded: Mr. Davis

Discussion: Mr. Turner recommended the approval to extend the vendor. Monitoring and a risk assessment has been completed for the vendor.

Vote: unanimous (Note: Mr. Emerson, abstained from voting due to conflict of interest)

Motion: Carried

JOG Youth Services- extension #1

MOTION: By Mr. Keys To extend Jobs for Ohio Graduates (JOG) contract for one year (9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023) as prover of CCMEP/WIOA youth services. (1st extension).

Seconded: By Mr. Davis

Discussion: Mr. Turner recommended the approval to extend the vendor. Monitoring and a risk assessment has been completed for the vendor.

Vote: unanimous

Motion: Carried

Employer of Record- Fresh Start Grant

MOTION: By Mr. Sewell to award Rightsourcing Inc. the Fresh Start grant “employer of record” as the lowest bidder.

Second: Mrs. Foerster

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

With no other business to discuss Mr. Moliterno adjourned the meeting

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

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas- WDB Executive Assistant
