

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF TRUMBULL COUNTY  
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

TMHA

4076 Youngstown Rd., SE

Warren, Ohio 44484

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 @ 9:00 am

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thomas Conley  
Laura Carey  
Robert Rowland  
Herbert Caldwell

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
Arthur Daly  
Beth Trace  
Donald Emerson, Jr

**GUESTS:**  
Jenny Carsone\_ OMJ- JFS Coordinator  
Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant  
William Turner, WDB Executive Director  
Danette Wasko- WIOA Supervisor  
Mike McKinney- JOGs  
Marie Lishick- Youthbuild (Absent)

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with roll call, with quorum in attendance, by Mr. Conley.

Mr. Conley requested the motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021 and July 13, 2021 as written and submitted.

**Motion- By Laura Carey to approve the minutes dated October 12, 2021 and July 13, 2021 as written and submitted.**

**Motion 2nd- Robert Rowland**

**Discussion- None**

**Vote- Unanimous**

**Motion- Carried**

Mr. Conley moved on to the agenda items.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Youth Recruitment-** Mrs. Barrell reports that efforts continue to recruit youth and continues to be difficult. OMJ is continuing to reach out to schools for referrals. In addition, OMJ is working with Child Support, the Bridges Program, and a Trumbull County Magistrate to increase referrals. Mr. Turner and Mrs. Barrell attended the TCTC Holiday Express Trunk giveaway and passed out information about OMJ services.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**CCMEP Update-** Mrs. Barrell updated the committee on the CCMEP program. There are changes to rules going into effect 12-1-2021. Also, the OMJ center underwent a state programmatic monitoring review (CCMEP).

**WIOA Update-** Mrs. Barrell stated that a strategy the state is revisiting is co-enrollment between grants. The hesitancy in doing so has been WIOA performance. The Board approved youth incentives that were approved at the previous WDB meeting are now rolling out. Ms. Wasko announced that 2 youth have enrolled at YSU for Dental Hygienist and RN BSN program respectively.

**Remote Meetings-** Mr. Turner stated that the State of Ohio has allowed the Workforce Boards to allow the continuation of virtual meetings as needed.

**Ohio To Work-** Mrs. Barrell provided an overview and update on the Ohio To Work initiative. Jobs Ohio in conjunction with MVMC will work with various partners in the Mahoning Valley to offer training and intensive counseling to drive dislocated and displaced workers back to employment. Mrs. Barrell stated that there has been a large marketing campaign behind the effort. OMJ is starting to see some referrals from the project.

## **YOUTH PROJECT REPORTS:**

**Youthbuild-** Marie Lishick was absent and unable to provide an activity summary for the program.

**Jobs for Ohio Graduates (JOG)-** Mr. McKinney gave an update on the activities of JOG. With co-enrollment, there are approximately 23 students. Mr. McKinney stated that they had 6 referrals from schools and all had fallen through. There are approximately 4 clients that are about ready to enter into the WEP. JOG has had conversations with Kent and YSU to increase referrals. February is JOG's diversity equity and inclusion month and have events scheduled for staff and clients. April is when the Career Development Conference will be conducted.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**OMJ Center status update-** Mrs. Barrell reports that the OMJ Center is open to the public. Room restrictions are still in place. Mrs. Barrell states the OMJ in- person traffic is slow. ASPIRE continues to hold classes at OMJ.

Mrs. Barrell announced that the OMJ Center conducted its first in person job fair at the OMJ center. It was done by appointment only. There are other job fairs to be scheduled.

With no other business, Mr. Conley stated that our next WDB meeting is February 17, 2022 then adjourned the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

2022 Meeting Schedule: January 11, 2022, April 12, 2022, July 12, 2022, October 11, 2022

Location: TMHA

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas, Executive Assistant, Workforce Development Board