

Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County

OhioMeansJobs Center Committee

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Location:

TMHA

Members Present

Michael Keys

Ernest Wiley for William Moore

Dawn Ochman

Russell Sewell

Ashley Iannucci for Brian Eskridge

Members Absent

Arthur Daly

Stephen Telego, Sr.

Herbert Caldwell, Jr

Pete Kefalas

Scott Brush

Melissa Capple

Guests

Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant

William Turner, WDB Executive Director

Kim Barrell, OMJ Administrator

Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor

Chairperson, Michael Keys, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with roll call completed and quorum in attendance. Mr. Keys requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2022 meeting.

MOTION: By Mr. Sewell to approve minutes from the August 9, 2022 meeting.

SECONDED: Ms. Iannucci

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: CARRIED

Mr. Keys deferred to staff members to report on agenda topics.

Opioid Employer Forum Debrief- Mrs. Barrell provided a debriefing of the Opioid Employer Forum held September 29, 2022 at Avalon Resort. Mrs. Barrell reports that 74 individuals registered for the event and 38 attended. There were various speakers providing unique perspectives and data concerning the opioid crisis and employment. Post event survey shows an 82% satisfaction rate for the event and a 92% approval rating for a second forum. A second follow up forum is under consideration.

Fresh Start Grant- Mrs. Barrell stated that OMJ continues to look for disaster relief employment WEP participants. Mrs. Barrell reports that there may be an opportunity for a WEP at Flying High and are currently looking into eligibility.

Regional Job Fair 11/2/2022- Mr. Wiley updated the committee on the state wide regional virtual job fair which occurred on 11/2/2022. Mr. Wiley reported that 309 registered for the event. 65% job seeker turn out rate, 93% employer turn out rate. The state used the Brazen virtual platform. 307 chats/interviews were conducted during the event and 168 resumes were posted. The event received positive feedback.

Ohio To Work- Mrs. Barrell stated that the WDB, Jobs Ohio, NUCA, MVMC, Flying High, and Regional Chamber are continuing their collaboration. The group continues to look at sustainability after the grant ends 12/31/2022. OMJ continues to attend meetings, field trips among other activities.

Customer Outreach- Mrs. Barrell updated the committee on the ongoing outreach efforts. Management is aggressively promoting the OMJ Center through increasing its presence at events.

ADA / Special Population- No issues or recommendations brought forward at this time. Ms. Iannucci did announce that OOD is working on creating an OOD library developed for employers.

MOU- Mr. Turner announced that the Partner MOU has been fully executed, and has been in effect from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Partners continue to participate.

YSU Broadband Readiness Grant- Mr. Turner announced the YSU broadband Readiness Grant is a \$1,154,000.00 grant that would support 165 trainees in the field.

Opioid Forum #2- Mrs. Barrell announced that because of the success of the first employer forum and the interest from employers to learn more about technical assistance regarding second chance opportunities for new hires.

OMJ Center Update- Mrs. Barrell updated the committee on the progress of the OMJ Center upgrade. There continues to be progress to make the OMJ Center more efficient and welcoming. New seating configurations, furniture and technology upgrades are being made. Also, OMJ is looking into purchasing virtual reality headsets for career exploration.

OMJ Website- Mrs. Barrell announced that the OMJ Trumbull website is up and running and encouraged the committee to tour the website.

Miscellaneous- Mr. Turner presented the Workforce Coalition, which the Chamber of Commerce is heading. The coalition entails various workforce entities throughout the County which will collaborate to improve the workforce statistics in the area.

With no more business to discuss, Mr. Keys announced the next WDB meeting will be November 17, 2022 and adjourned the meeting.

2022 Meeting Schedule:

Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each quarter @ 9:00 a.m.

~~February 8, 2022, May 10, 2022, August 9, 2022, November 8, 2022~~

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant