**Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County**

**OhioMeansJobs Center Committee**

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 @ 9:00 am

**Location:**

**Alternate location: IBEW**

**Members Present** **Members Absent**

Michael Keys

Arthur Daly

Ernest Wiley for William Moore

Dawn Ochman

Russell Sewell

Patty Koehnlein for Brian Eskridge

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

Jenny Carsone, OMJ Coordinator

Chairperson, Michael Keys, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with roll call completed without quorum in attendance (informational only).

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

**Fresh Start Grant-** Ms. Carsone updated the committee on the fresh start grant. OMJ is still working to find someone to employ under this grant. There is a referral from Flying High the is being explored.

**Ohio To Work**- Ms. Carsone stated that Ohio To Work sunset on 12/31/2022. The County earned approximately $79,423.44 in base funding and incentives received.

**Customer Outreach**- Ms. Carsone updated the committee on the ongoing outreach efforts. OMJ continues to try to reach out to new customers to inform them of our services. The OTW initiative is over; OMJ is working in-house to come up with some social media ads which are gathering more attention. OMJ is working with TCTC to get their list of graduates who do not have their “E” (employed, enlisted, or enrolled). OMJ has begun to reach out to those candidates.

**MOU-** Ms. Carsone announced that MOU negotiations have begun. January 23, 2023 was the first meeting between all of the OMJ partners. There will be additional meetings scheduled to complete the negotiations. TCAP may become a new partner with OMJ. OMJ anticipates the completion of negotiations by 4/30/2023.

**Opioid Forum #2**- Ms. Carsone stated that OMJ is working to secure a venue for the Employer Forum. OMJ is partnering with TCMHRB to present a technical consultant to provide guidance and support for employers hiring or considering hiring recovering citizens.

**ADA / Special Population-** Ms. Carsone stated that OMJ is currently reviewing and analyzing OMJ’s current ADA equipment and updating and upgrading software and equipment available to OMJ customer.

**English as a second language assistance**- Ms. Carsone announced that OMJ is on the waiting list to participate in the pilot program from the Unemployment Compensation office to provide equipment to assist U/I customers that may have limited English proficiency with translation services.

**Regional Workforce Coalition-** The Youngstown Warren Chamber of Commerce is facilitating a regional group to provide a strategy and resources to help improve the regions workforce ecosystem and infrastructure to align to economic growth in our region. Meeting continue. The group has applied for a technical assistance grant and are awaiting the award outcome.

**Summer 2023**- Ms. Carsone stated at this time the summer work program has been tabled due to meeting scheduling conflicts and will reconvene soon.

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

**2023 Meeting Schedule:**

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

**~~February 7, 2023~~, May 9, 2023, August 8, 2023, November 7, 2023**

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant