**Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County**

**OhioMeansJobs Center Committee**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 @ 9:00 am

**Location:**

**TMHA**

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

Michael Keys

Arthur Daly Delegate Amelia Taggart

William Moore

Dawn Ochman

Russell Sewell

Ashley Iannucci for Brian Eskridge

Herbert Caldwell, Jr

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 and quorum in attendance.

Mr. Keys requested a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2022 and February 7, 2023 meetings.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Sewellto approve minutes from the November 8, 2022 and February 7, 2023 meetings.

**SECONDED:** Mr. Caldwell

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**MOTION: CARRIED**

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

**Opioid Employer Forum #2**- Mrs. Barrell provided a debriefing of the Opioid Employer Forum held 4/28/2023 at the Avalon Inn. Mrs. Barrell reported that there were approximately 36 attendees. A post event survey was sent out to the attendees, and overall, received positive feedback.

**Regional Workforce Coalition-** Mr. Liogas stated that Mr. Turner was attending the chamber led coalition that focuses on aligning regional workforce resources and address infrastructure issues like repopulation, by attracting talent to our area. An Appalachia Regional grant application was submitted and awarded to this coalition to provide technical assistance to develop a plan.

**MOU-** Mrs. Barrell announced that MOU negotiations have been completed and signed by all partners. It is currently in the possession of the Commissioners to sign the MOU. Once signed, it will be sent down to the State for final signature.

**Summer 2023**- Mrs. Barrell reported that the summer program enrollment process has begun. There was a late start due to later than expected funding announcements from the State. Mrs. Barrell stated that approximately 40 youth will be coming back for another year of employment, and approximately 38 new applications will be accepted. Mr. Caldwell asked how will OMJ process the applications. Mrs. Barrell responded that they will go on a first come first served basis. Mrs. Barrell also announced that there were a few changes to the summer program, in school youth will work 20 hours per week and out of school youth will work 30 hours and both will be offered incentives, like attendance bonuses, with the possibility to extend employment into September.

**ADA / Special Population-** Mrs. Barrell stated that a representative from OOD visited the OMJ center and conducted an evaluation of the ADA equipment and made recommendations to improve the ADA compliant area. Mrs. Barrell reported that a proposal for the ADA equipment has been made to the JFS Director.

**One Stop Operators Meeting-** Mrs. Barrell reported that she attended a One Stop Operators meeting on 4/14/2023. Various OMJ operators convened to discuss, best practices, policy, and other pertinent information regarding the operations of the OMJ Centers.

**OWA Day at the Statehouse-** Mr. Liogas stated that Mr. Turner will be attending the Day at the Statehouse on 5/23/2023 to speak with legislators about workforce needs and policy.

**OWA Workforce Conference 9/21/2023 – 9/22/2023**- Mr. Liogas announced that the Directors Association has scheduled this year’s annual Workforce Conference for 9/21/2023. The Conference discusses policy, program review, and State Representatives provide updates on programs and initiatives.

**Open Forum**- Amelia Taggart announced that EGCC summer classes will be starting soon. Ms. Iannucci announced that the OOD budget has been submitted to the state and are awaiting approval. If approved as is, there will be some new programs introduced.

With no more business to discuss, Mr. Keys announced the next WDB meeting will be May 18, 2023 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