

**Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County
Planning and Monitoring Committee**

**Thursday, January 20, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.
IBEW**

Members Present

Eric Davis
Mark Ragozine

Dale Foerster
Tia Toles

Members Absent

Antonio DiTommaso

Latasha Johnson

Guests Present

William Turner, Executive Director, WDB
Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor
Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant
Kim Barrell, OMJ Administrator
Jenny Carsone, OMJ
Melissa Maiorano, Chamber of Commerce

Committee Chair, Eric Davis called the meeting to order followed by roll call with quorum in attendance. Mr. Davis requested a motion to accept the October 28, 2021 and July 15, 2021 minutes as written and sent via email.

Motion: by Mr. Ragozine to accept the October 28, 2021 and July 15, 2021 minutes as written and sent via email.

Second: by Ms. Toles

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Result: Motion Carried

Mr. Davis deferred to staff for their reports on agenda items.

RESEA- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program- Mrs. Barrell provided an update of the Unemployment program. Mrs. Barrell reports that Trumbull County is meeting the performance measures. The previous quarter, October 2021- December 2021, the RESEA program has only been receiving 3-5 referrals from the state system. January has been a better in receiving 5-7 referrals.

Opioid Grant- Mrs. Barrell stated that the Opioid Grant has been surrendered back to the state. The money will be redistributed to other Counties in need of additional funding. The state will be issuing another Opioid grant, which will start April 2022.

Expenditures and Enrollments- Mrs. Barrell reported that over the last 6 months, the OMJ center has created 50 ITA's at a cost of \$341,742.00 and 5 OJT's at a cost of \$47,500.00.

Ohio To Work- Mrs. Barrell updated the committee as the WDB, Jobs Ohio, NUCA, and Regional Chamber are beginning a collaborative effort with Mahoning County to try to improve the referral process between entities for Manufacturing, IT, and Healthcare sectors. There has been an aggressive marketing campaign and

have started to receive referrals. After 2 months of the program, OMJ has billed for incentive monies for performance.

Monitoring- Mrs. Barrell stated that the OMJ Center has recently completed a state monitoring review for the CCMEP for program year 2020.

RETAIN Update- Mr. Liogas provided an update concerning the RETAIN program progress. Mr. Liogas reports that Phase II of the grant has begun. The IRB (Institutional Review Board) agreement has been approved which will allow all parties to continue in the research study. The RETAIN leadership meetings are now being scheduled.

OMJ Center Status- Mrs. Stanyard announced that the OMJ Center is open to the public. There are COVID restrictions still in place with limited occupancy. Services are still available via virtual meetings. ASPIRE continues to hold in person class at the OMJ Center. The OMJ Center held its first in person job fair since the pandemic began. Shepherd of the Valley conducted interviews, by appointment only. Other job fairs have been scheduled.

COVID 19 Employment Recovery National Dislocated Grant update- Mrs. Barrell reports that there is still difficulty in recruiting dislocated workers. Mrs. Barrell stated that OMJ would look closely into co-enrolling. A conversation broke out with various committee members providing examples of the difficulty to recruit and the recruiting landscape that they are experiencing.

New Business Resource Network Grant- Mr. Turner announced that OMJ Trumbull was awarded a BRN Grant from the State of Ohio to continue business outreach efforts. The WDB staff have started to procure an “Employer of Record” for payroll services and posted the temporary job on Ohiomeansjobs.com.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Turner announced that the OhioMeansJobs Center is up for recertification this year. The OMJ Center Committee will have initial responsibility for the evaluation; however, we may call on other board members to participate if there are not enough volunteers.

Mrs. Barrell announced that the Partner MOU is now in development and will be engaging with the OMJ partners for negotiations.

Mr. Davis announced that the next WDB meeting will be held February 17, 2022 at the Hippodrome and adjourned the meeting.

2022 Meeting Dates – Quarterly meetings will be held on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.:
January 20, 2022, April 14, 2022, July 14, 2022, October 20, 2022

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas WDB Executive Assistant