**Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County**

**Planning and Monitoring Committee**

**Thursday,**

**October 20, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

**IBEW**

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

Antonio DiTommaso

Eric Davis

Mark Ragozine

Melissa Maiorano

Latasha Johnson

Dale Foerster

Tia Toles

Shannon Bowser & Brian Pritchard

**Guests Present**

Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor

Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant

Kim Barrell, OMJ Administrator

William Turner, WDB Executive Director

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 April 14, 2022 minutes as written and sent via email.

Motion: by Mr. Ragozine to accept the July 14, 2022 minutes as written and sent via email.

Second: by Mr. DiTommaso

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. Stanyard provided an update of the Unemployment program. Mrs. Stanyard reports that with the transition to the ARIES system, there continue to be RESEA associated issues and are working through those issues with the State. Year to date, OMJ has conducted 157 RESEA interviews and 127 subsequent interviews.

**Fresh Start Grant**- 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.

**Ohio To Work-** Mrs. Barrell updated the committee that the partners of the program are exploring sustainability once the grant ends on 12/31/2022. The Chamber is working with other partners to create a larger group including other industries. The group continues to meet biweekly.

**COVID 19 Employment Recovery National Dislocated Grant update**- Mrs. Barrell reports that the Grant has been extended to 2023. The agency continues to look for eligible participants.

**Business Resource Network Grant**- Mrs. Stanyard provided an update on the BRN Grant. The BRN representative, Derek Rieser, is doing very well and reaching out to various employers throughout the County and as a result are getting more job postings and OJT opportunities. Mr. Rieser and the BSR staff at OMJ are partnering in referrals between each other to improve employer services between both entities.

**RETAIN Update-** Mr. Liogas provided an update concerning the RETAIN program progress. Mr. Liogas reports that Phase II of the grant is active. Mr. Liogas attended the annual national RETAIN convening of all states that received RETAIN funding. The participants shared best practices and success stories. Mr. Liogas will also be providing a report to the Board at the upcoming WDB meeting.

**Expenditures and Enrollments**- Mrs. Barrell reported the following expenditures for the quarter: 17 ITA’s, $95,680.00/ 8 OJT’s, $75,730.00. Mrs. Barrell stated that there will be more expenditures once ARIES / CFIS issues are corrected.

**TCTC Trunk or Treat-** Mrs. Barrell announced that TCTC will be holding its annual Trunk or Treat event on October 27, 2022 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. The event is a good community event for outreach efforts.

**Summer Program**- Mrs. Barrell debriefed the committee on the summer program. Mrs. Barrell stated that 53 participants started the program and 75% completed the program. Also, the program was extended to 12 participants into August and September. There is potential for 5 of the extended youth to transition to WEP. JOG (youth services provider) is coordinating the Summer Program this year.

**Local Monitoring**- Mr. Liogas reported that all PY 2021 monitoring has been completed other than a few OJT desk monitors due to issues with ARIES/ CFIS. Once the issues are corrected the remainder of monitors will be completed.

**Miscellaneous**

Mr. Turner announced that OMJ Trumbull participated in WIOA performance negotiations with the state and was happy to report that OMJ Trumbull was able to successfully negotiate reductions in some WIOA performance measures.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Davis adjourned the meeting.

**2022 Meeting Dates** – Quarterly meetings will be held on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.:

~~January 20, 2022~~, ~~April 28, 2022~~, ~~July 14, 2022~~, October 20, 2022

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas WDB Executive Assistant