

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

**Thursday,
July 14, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.
IBEW**

Members Present

Eric Davis
Mark Ragozine
Melissa Maiorano

Members Absent

Antonio DiTommaso

Latasha Johnson
Dale Foerster
Tia Toles

Shannon Bowser for Brian Pritchard

Guests Present

Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor
Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant
Kim Barrell, OMJ Administrator

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 April 14, 2022 minutes as written and sent via email.
Second: by Ms. Maiorano
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 issues and are working through those issues with the State.

Fresh Start Grant- Mrs. Barrell announced that the new opioid grant, Fresh Start Grant, implementation plan and budget have been approved. WDB Staff are currently procuring an Employer of Record for the disaster recovery employment, and are currently seeking venue pricing for the Opioid Employer Forum scheduled for the 3rd Quarter of 2022.

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.

COVID 19 Employment Recovery National Dislocated Grant update- Mrs. Barrell reports that the Grant has been extended to 2023.

TEAM update- Mr. Liogas updated the committee on the status of the consortium. The consortium is still meeting. The TEAM staff is going through some transition, the Coordinator, Betsy McIntyer, will be leaving

the group and they are working on her replacement. Also, The ARC phase II grant received will allow for a representative for each state to be hired for outreach and coordination of services. The group is gearing up for some of the ARC Grant activities scheduled to be rolled out.

Business Resource Network Grant- Mrs. Barrell provided an updated 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.

RETAIN Update- Mr. Liogas provided an update concerning the RETAIN program progress. Mr. Liogas reports that Phase II of the grant is active. OMJ is assisting with the RETAIN expansion into the other regions, Toledo and Cincinnati. Mercy Health continues their enrollment efforts and OMJ continues its support to Mercy Health.

Expenditures and Enrollments- Mrs. Barrell reported that there is no expenditure report to give and will provide the report at the WDB meeting. Mrs. Barrell did mention that OJT's have increased during the reporting quarter.

YARS Job Fair 8/6/2022- Ms. Maiorano announced that the Chamber in partnership with JobsOhio, the upcoming YARS job fair for exiting military, veterans, and their family members. Mrs. Barrell stated that OMJ will have a table, staff, and literature at the job fair.

OMJ Certification- Mr. Liogas stated the OMJ Certification was submitted to the State. We are waiting for a response.

MOU- Mr. Liogas announced that the OMJ Partner MOU agreement has been signed and submitted to the state. The state has signed the MOU as well and is active until 6/30/2023.

Summer Program- Mrs. Barrell updated the committee on the summer program. Mrs. Barrell stated that 63 individuals started in the program, the 1st payroll 53 remained active, and the 2nd payroll 48 remained active. JOG (youth services provider) is coordinating the Summer Program this year.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Davis announced that the next WDB meeting will be held August 18, 2022 at Vernon's Cafe and 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