**Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County**

**Planning and Monitoring Committee**

**Thursday,**

**April 13, 2023 - 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- Delegate

**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 **without** quorum in attendance. Mr. Davis tabled the motion to accept the October 20, 2022 minutes as written and sent via email. Informational meeting only.

Motion:

Discussion: None

Vote:

Result:

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

**Expenditures and Enrollments**- Mrs. Barrell reported the Adult and Dislocated expenditures ending 1st quarter 2023 (7/1/2022 – 3/30/2023): 49 ITA’s / 23 OJT’s, and 3 IWTP contracts initiated aggregate spending of $500,000 on the three contracts. CCMEP had 34 new intakes. (caseloads continue to be high). Interest in CCMEP is increasing both through required participation and linkages with schools. Mr. Davis asked how many cases are the CCMEP staff tracking. Mrs. Barrell stated approximately 379 cases.

**RESEA- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program**- Mrs. Barrell provided an update of the program. Mrs. Barrell reports that there has been an uptick in RESEA sessions that she attributes to seasonal employees. OMJ is meeting its performance measures and Debbie Bruno continues to do a great job facilitating the program.

**Fresh Start Grant**- Mrs. Barrell provided an update on Fresh Start Grant activities. In addition, Mrs. Barrell reports that they have received a lead to possible disaster relief employment with our partner Flying High. Mr. Turner interjected and elaborated on the difficulty the WDB staff has had in obtaining an EOR. Other options are being considered for the disaster relief employment at this time.

**COVID 19 Employment Recovery National Dislocated Grant update**- Mrs. Barrell reports that the grant will end on June 30 2023. The agency continues to look for eligible participants, yet difficulties persist.

**Business Resource Network Grant**- Mrs. Barrell 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. This grant will end at the end of June. There is another round of funding for the BRN grant and the WDB and OMJ intend to apply again for the grant.

**RETAIN Update-** Mr. Liogas provided an update concerning the RETAIN program progress. Mr. Liogas debriefed the committee on the DOL site visit that occurred March 28 and 29 in Cincinnati. During the two day visit, the DOL Managers, Evaluators and Technical Assistance personnel were present to hear the status of the Phase II RETAIN program. Items that were discussed were patient focused enrollment, demographics, best practices and challenges, employer outreach, data flow and validation. It was a very successful visit and Mercy did an outstanding job of presenting and accommodating the teams.

**Opioid Employer Forum**- Mrs. Barrell reports that the second Opioid Employer Forum set for April 28, 2023 at the Avalon Inn. She also stated that registration is open and encouraged the committee to register for the event.

**Regional Workforce Coalition-** Mr. Turner stated that the Chamber led coalition to focus on aligning regional Workforce resources and address infrastructure issues like repopulation. A grant application was submitted for technical assistance through Appalachia ARC grant.

**TEAM**- Mr. Turner and Mrs. Barrell attended a TEAM meeting in Pennsylvania to reconvene the coordinated efforts for energy and advanced manufacturing. Mr. Turner stated that a presenter representing the Navy is offering manufacturing government contracts for the development of next gen submarines.

**MVMC**- Mrs. Forester mentioned that there is an OWA grant for workforce programs. MVMC received a big portion of the available grant. The goal is to connect with the Ohio legislators and talk about partnerships with workforce initiatives.

**Ohio Workforce Association**- Mr. Turner announced that the OWA will be going to Columbus in May for the OWA day at the Statehouse.

**Local Monitoring**- Mr. Liogas reported that PY 2023 monitoring started in February. Monitoring will include monitoring vendor with a case file review.

**Miscellaneous**

With no miscellaneous items to discuss, Mr. Davis adjourned the meeting.

**2023 Meeting Dates** – Quarterly meetings will be held on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.:

~~January 19, 2023~~, April 13, 2023, July 13, 2023, October 19, 2023

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas WDB Executive Assistant