**Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County**

**Planning and Monitoring Committee**

**Thursday,**

**October 26, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.**

**IBEW**

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

Eric Davis

Mark Ragozine

Melissa Maiorano

Latasha Johnson

Dale Foerster

Tia Toles

Shannon Bowser- (Delegate for Brian Pritchard)

**Guests Present**

Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor

Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant

Kim Barrell, OMJ Administrator

William Turner, WDB Executive Director

Jenny Carsone, OMJ Coordinator

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 July 13, 2023 minutes as written and sent via email.

Motion: Made by Mr. Ragozine to accept the minutes as written for the July 13, 2023 meeting.

Second: Mrs. Foerster

Discussion: None

Vote: unanimous

Result: Motion Passes

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

**WIOA Expenditure and Enrollments**- Mrs. Barrell provided the committee with WIOA enrollments report through 9/30/2023.

**WIOA Enrollments- Through 9/30/2023**

The WIOA activity is 32 ITAs, 9 OJT, and 3 IWTPs.

**CCMEP Enrollments-** Mrs. Barrell provided the committee with CCMEP enrollments report through 9/30/2023.

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We have seen the CCMEP roles increasing from 2022 to 2023.  OMJ received 22 new applications.

**Summer Program Debrief-** Mrs. Barrell provided a summary for the completed summer youth program. 56 applications were approved, 43 youth started employment, the program ended with 34 participants, and 18 youth were approved for extended employment through 9/30/2023. Incentives were paid out to the participants throughout the program.

**Program Updates:**

**RESEA- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program**- Mrs. Stanyard reported that year to date, 303 participants have been selected for the program. 205 initial meetings were conducted and 152 subsequent meetings were completed. The OMJ Center is meeting expectations of the RESEA program.

**Fresh Start Grant**- Mr. Turner stated that there has not been any recent activity for the grant. WDB and OMJ are looking into a subgrant agreement that can be used for the Disaster Relief Employment, with Flying High.

**COVID 19 Employment Recovery National Dislocated Grant update**- Mr. Turner reports that the grant ended on June 30 2023. The remaining funds were given back to the state.

**Business Resource Network Grant**- Ms. Stanyard updated the committee on the BRN grant. It is a thirteen month grant. Mr. Rieser continues to do a good job for OMJ. Positive connections between Mr. Rieser and the Business Services team are bringing opportunities to OMJ for job postings, OJTs, and IWTP.

**RETAIN Update-** Mr. Liogas provided an update concerning the RETAIN program progress. Mr. Liogas stated that on September 20, 2023, Mr. Weber, State Program Manager, attended the annual convening for grant recipients in Washington, DC. Each State provided a presentation of the program progress and shared best practices.

**Affiliations:**

**Regional Workforce Coalition-** Mr. Turner stated that the Chamber led coalition continues to focus on aligning regional workforce resources and address infrastructure issues to meet new emerging markets in our region. Meetings continue and the group continues to create a strategic plan.

**TEAM**- Mr. Turner reported that the consortium continues to meet and move forward on projects. Updated information will be presented at the WDB meeting.

**MVMC**- Mr. Turner mentioned that there is an OWA grant for workforce programs. MVMC received a big portion of the available grant. A cohort of the Work Advance program is being organized in Trumbull County at TCAP.

**Ohio Workforce Association**- Mr. Turner reported that the Director’s Association held a Workforce Conference in September in Columbus Ohio. The event was a success with over 200 participants throughout Ohio attending. Mr. Turner, Mr. Liogas, and Mrs. Barrell presented at the conference. OMJ was also able to send 4 additional staff for professional development and networking.

**State Monitoring**- Mr. Turner reported that the state conducted programmatic and financial monitoring visits. Mr. Turner was happy to report that very minor areas of improvement were identified.

**Miscellaneous**

Mr. Davis mentioned that the Skilled Trades Expo held in September at Canfield, Ohio was very well attended and OMJ was present at the event as a community resource.

With no other business 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