

Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County

Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.

Café 422

Members Present

William Ayres

Herbert Caldwell, Jr

Melissa Capple

Laura Carey

Antonio DiTommaso Jr

Donald Emerson, Jr

Brian Eskridge

Dale Foerster

John R Gargano Delegate William Cummings

Linsey A Gray

Michael Hanshaw

Tyler Harden

LaTasha Johnson (Saulsberry)

Michael D Keys

Melissa Maiorano

John Moliterno

William E Moore delegate Ernest Wiley

Brian Pritchard

Mark Ragozine

Russell H Sewell

Stephen A Telego, Sr

Rich Tice

Tia Toles

Beth Trace

Members Absent

Scott Brush

Bernadette Bryant

Thomas S Conley

Arthur Daly

Eric S Davis

Matthew Foerster

Pete Kefalas

Erin Konicek

Patricia Nichols

Dawn R Ochman

Tiffany Streeter

Lisa Taddei

Daniel Vodhanel

Guests Present

William Turner, WDB Executive Director
Jenny Carsone, JFS/OMJ Coordinator
Dimitri Liogas, Executive Assistant
Ernest Wiley, JFS Supervisor Delegate
William Cummings, TCJFS Fiscal Administrator Delegate
Danette Wasko, WIOA Supervisor
Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor
Anthony Stellato, State BSR
Ms. Sarah Marino, Mercy Health

Mr. Moliterno, Board Chair, called the meeting to order, roll call was conducted with quorum in attendance. Mr. Moliterno welcomed the newest Board members Dr. Ayres (KSU Trumbull) and Ms. Maiorano (Chamber of Commerce).

Mr. Moliterno moved agenda item (J.) Board officer elections to the first item for discussion and action. Mr. Turner requested nominations for Board officers to serve a two- year term.

Board Chair- Mr. Telego nominated Mr. Moliterno

Vice Chair- Mr. DiTommaso nominated Mark Ragozine. (Note: Mr. Telego did not want to seek another term)

Secretary- Mr. Keys nominated Erin Konicek

Motion: Mr. Emerson made the motion to elect the nominated Board members as the Workforce Board officers for a term commencing 5/19/2022 – 5/19/2024.

Second: made by Mr. DiTommaso

Discussion: None

Vote: unanimous

Motion: Carried

As newly re-elected Chairperson, Mr. Moliterno requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting as submitted to the Board via email.

Motion: By Mr. Ragozine to approve the February 17, 2022 WDB minutes, as written and submitted.

Seconded: By Mr. Emerson

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

Mr. Moliterno requested reports from the Board's Standing Committees.

OhioMeansJobs Committee

Committee Chair, Mr. Michael Keys announced the last meeting was held May 10, 2022. The committee discussed some items on today's agenda. No action items to bring to the Board. The next scheduled meeting will be on August 9 2022.

Youth Committee

Mr. Turner, for Committee Chair, reported that the committee met on April 12, 2022 and discussed various items on today's agenda. The committee received reports from both youth services providers. The next meeting will be on July 12, 2022. The Committee has no action items to bring to the Board.

Planning & Monitoring Committee

Mr. Turner, for committee Chair, reported that the last meeting was held April 28, 2022. The committee reviewed expenditures and enrollments among other agenda items discussed today. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2022. No actions items to bring to the Board.

By-Laws Committee

Mr. Emerson reported a meeting was held August 5, 2021. The next annual meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2022. Nothing additional to report at this time.

Executive Ad-Hoc Committee

Mr. Moliterno reported the Executive Ad-Hoc Committee last met September 16, 2021. Meetings are scheduled as needed.

Old Business

COVID 19 NDW Grant:

Mr. Turner stated that the COVID 19 NDW Grant, so far, has two participants. OMJ Continues to look for more opportunities to utilize the grant. The Grant will end 6/30/2022.

RETAIN:

Mr. Liogas updated the Board on the progress of the RETAIN Grant. Mr. Liogas reports that Phase II of the grant has launched and are currently assisting the expanded areas of Toledo and Cincinnati with implementation. A webinar was conducted to give the expanding areas some lessons learned and best practices from phase I. Mrs. Marino, Mercy Health representative, reports that locally, patient enrollment and employer outreach continue.

Committee Membership:

Mr. Moliterno urged the Board members to join a subcommittee.

ARIES update:

Mr. Turner announced that the official transition “go live” date was 4/6/2022. Mrs. Carsone reports that difficulties persist with the implementation of the system. There are log in, data transfer and data input issues with the system.

New Business

Ohio To Work:

Ms. Carsone announced that the WDB, Jobs Ohio, Flying High, NCUSA, and Regional Chamber continue their collaborative effort with Mahoning County MCTA to try to improve the referral process between entities. OMJ is regularly meeting with the Jobs Ohio team. The marketing campaign has been ongoing and OMJ has been receiving referrals. OTW had a job fair at the Eastwood mall, which was well attended. The job fair focused on manufacturing, IT and healthcare sectors.

Financial Report & Expenditures:

Mr. Cummings provided the Board with the WIOA expenditure report as of 4/30/2022. Mr. Cummings provided, and reviewed a report which showed the allocations, obligations, Accruals, and actual expenditures for WIOA Adult, Dislocated, Youth/CCMEP, Opioid, and Special Grants.

RESEA:

Mrs. Stanyard provided the Board an update on the RESEA services. Mrs. Stanyard reported that OMJ Trumbull numbers are down due to low unemployment rate.

Outreach:

Ms. Carsone updated the committee on the ongoing outreach efforts. Management continues to aggressively promote the OMJ Center through billboard campaigns, signage on buses, postcard distribution, and social media. The OMJ Center representatives have attended 8 events and the OTW job fair at the Eastwood Mall.

Fresh Start Grant:

Mr. Turner announced that OMJ Trumbull has received another round of opioid funding. Mr. Turner said OMJ requested a small allocation (64K) and will re-engage the courts and community groups. The grant will run through March of 2024. The grant activity plan has been submitted to the state and are waiting on approval.

OMJ Center Recertification:

Mr. Turner updated the Board on the OMJ Center phase III certification. The certification team has completed the evaluation and scores have been tabulated. Mr. Turner was very happy to report that the committee has awarded the OMJ center a final composite score of 58.2, which puts our OMJ center with a passing rating. Mr. Turner thanked the certification committee (Russell Sewell, Arthur Daly, Brian Pritchard, Tia Toles, and Michael Keys) for their efforts. A copy of the composite score card was distributed to the Board.

MOU Partner Negotiations:

Mr. Turner announced that negotiations have been completed. Partner MOU signatures have been obtained and the next step is to obtain the Commissioner's signature and will forward to the State for final signature from Director Damschroder.

Summer Program 2022:

Ms. Wasko updated the Board on the progress of the summer program. The summer program will focus on 80 returning youth. The program will start June 13, 2022 and will run for 8 weeks. OMJ is working with JOG to secure job sites.

State of Ohio BRN Grant:

Mr. Turner reported that the new State of Ohio BRN Grant is in progress. WDB board staff have secured an Employer of record for payroll processing. OMJ and WDB staff have hired a Business Outreach Representative. His name is Derek Rieser and he is making positive contributions.

Miscellaneous Items

OMJ Operator extension #2

MOTION: - By Mr. DiTommaso to approve the second of two extensions with TCJFS as the “Operator of the OMJ Center” for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Second: Mr. Keys

Discussion: Mr. Turner explained that WDB and TCDJFS is on its second annual extension as OMJ Operator. TCDJFS has been monitored and have performed well during the past year.

Vote: unanimous (Note: Mr. Gargano, Delegate, abstained from voting due to conflict of interest)

Motion: Carried

CCMEP Employer of Record extension #1

MOTION: By Mr. DiTommaso to approve the first of two extensions with Nesco Resources / APS llc. as the “Employer of Record”, payroll processing, for CCMEP for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Second: By Ms. Trace

Discussion: Mr. Turner asked to extend the contract as employer of record for WIOA youth for Work experience programs. The Vendor has been monitored and has performed the past year.

Vote: unanimous

Motion: Carried

OMJ Center Certification Phase III

MOTION: By Mr. Ragozine to accept the recommendation from the OMJ Certification team to certify the OMJ Center and to submit the certification to the State for a 3-year period.

Second: Mr. Pritchard

Discussion: None

Vote: unanimous

Motion: Carried

OMJ Partner MOU

MOTION: By Mr. Keys to approve the negotiated Memorandum of Understanding with OMJ Partners and to submit the signed MOU to the State for final approval. This MOU is for a 1 yr. period commencing July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Second: Mr. Emerson

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

Employer of Record- Fresh Start Grant

MOTION: By Mr. Telego to authorize the WDB staff to procure and award the “Employer of Record”, payroll processing, for the Fresh Start Grant.

Second: Mr. Hanshaw

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

With no other business to discuss Mr. Moliterno adjourned the meeting

2022 Meeting Schedule – ~~February 17, 2022, May 19, 2022,~~ August 18, 2022, November 17, 2022

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas- WDB Executive Assistant
