

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

**Thursday, October 28, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.
IBEW**

Members Present

Eric Davis
Mark Ragozine

Members Absent

Antonio DiTommaso
Sarah Boyarko or delegate Melissa Maiorano
Latasha Johnson
Dale Foerster
Daniel Palmer or delegate Josna Neuman

Guests Present

William Turner, Executive Dir, WDB
Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor
Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant
Danette Wasko, OMJ Supervisor
Kim Barrell, OMJ Administrator

Committee Chair, Eric Davis called the meeting to order followed by roll call without quorum in attendance. The meeting was informational only. Mr. Davis tabled the motion to accept the July 15, 2021 minutes as written and sent via email until the next meeting with quorum.

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

RESEA- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program- Mrs. Barrell provided an update of the Unemployment program. Debbie Bruno is facilitating the program and has been doing very well. Mrs. Barrell reports that Trumbull County is meeting the performance measures with a current average of participation at 70%, which is one of the top of the State. Mr. Davis asked, what the State average was and Mrs. Barrell responded about 40%.

Opioid Grant- Mr. Turner stated that the Opioid Grant #2 has been surrendered back to the state. The money will be redistributed to other Counties in need of additional funding. Opioid Grant #3, was utilized to support 3 peer recovery counselors. The grant will end 3/2022.

Expenditures and Enrollments- Mr. Turner stated that Fiscal has not been able to submit a current fiscal report. Mr. Turner reports that expenditures are recovering in the training sectors. Interest is increasing virtually, however, visitation is still low.

Ohio To Work- Mrs. Barrell updated the committee as the WDB, Jobs Ohio, NUCA, and Regional Chamber are beginning a collaborative effort with Mahoning County to try to improve the referral process between entities easier for Manufacturing, IT, and Healthcare sectors. This process is a replication of a successful process established in Cuyahoga and Franklin Counties. Trumbull County will receive 40,000.00 for the program and can earn another 44,000.00 in incentives if certain metrics are met. The OTW Marketing campaign has started and the OMJ Center has started receiving referrals.

Monitoring- Mr. Liogas updated the status of local monitoring efforts. The required monitoring has been completed for PY2020.

RETAIN Update- Mr. Liogas provided an update concerning the RETAIN program progress. Mr. Liogas reports that Phase II of the grant has begun. Agreements and IRB approvals are in process with the new participating Counties in Toledo and Cincinnati regions. Locally, Mercy Health has started to recruit participants within their network. OMJ continues to provide technical assistance and employer outreach for the program.

OMJ Center Status- Mrs. Barrell announced that the OMJ Center is open to the public. There are COVID restrictions still in place with limited occupancy. Services are still available via virtual meetings. ASPIRE continues to hold in person class at the OMJ Center.

Miscellaneous

Policy Review- Mrs. Barrell and Mr. Turner briefly went over two policies, CCMEP WIOA Youth Incentives and Incumbent Worker Training Program which will be brought forward to the WDB for review and approval.

Mr. Davis announced that the next WDB meeting will be held November 18, 2021 at the Hippodrome and adjourned the meeting.

2021 Meeting Dates – Quarterly meetings will be held on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m:
~~January 21, 2021; April 15, 2021; July 15, 2021; October 28, 2021~~

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas WDB Executive Assistant