

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.
OF
MAHONING AND COLUMBIANA COUNTIES
Executive Committee Meeting
August 18, 2022
OhioMeansJobs Mahoning County

Committee Members Present: Kelly Darney, Deann Davis, Ed Emerick, Brian Eskridge, Rachel Ketterman, Susie Kooser, Audrey Morales, and Mark Ragozine
Committee Members Absent: Mark Nicastro
Board Staff: Mary Ann Kochalko and Sharlene Senediak

Deann Davis, WDB Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00pm after verification of a quorum.

Approval of Consent Agenda Item

Motion: To approve the consent agenda item as prepared.
Motion made by: Mark Ragozine
Seconded by: Ed Emerick
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

Youth Services Contract Modifications

At the May Executive Committee meeting, the wage for youth work experience was increased to \$13 per hour. Subsequently, at the June meeting, modifications were approved to increase the wage rate with the PY21 contracted youth services providers. Modifications for the wage rate are also needed for the PY22 contracted youth services providers. To provide the \$13 per hour wage and cover payroll expenses for youth work experience, the following rates are in place with the youth services providers: Columbiana County Educational Service Center – \$16.90 per hour; Compass Family & Community Services – \$14.95 per hour; The Counseling Center of Columbiana County – \$16.64 per hour; and Utica Shale Academy – \$16.90 per hour.

Motion: To approve the modifications of the current youth contracts with Columbiana County Educational Service Center, Compass Family & Community Services. The Counseling Center of Columbiana County, and Utica Shale Academy, effective July 1, 2022, as discussed.
Motion made by: Kelly Darney
Seconded by: Ed Emerick
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

Proposed PY22 Balanced Scorecard

The proposed PY22 Balanced Scorecard was provided for review. Data access from the State system remains limited, making it difficult to report accurate information for some of the current measures on the Balanced Scorecard. Information for the following measures is available and can remain in place for PY22:

- Line 1 – % of Partners Who Attend One-Stop Committee Meetings; *Proposed Target – 50%*
- Line 2 – # of Media Appearances/Articles/Community Outreach; *Proposed Target – 100*
- Line 3 – Business Satisfaction Recruitment Survey; *Proposed Target – 4.0*
- Line 4 – # of Employers with Staff-Assisted Job Orders; *Proposed Target – 200*
- Line 5 – Job Seeker Satisfaction Survey; *Proposed Target – 98%*
- Line 6 – Total One-Stop Visits; *Proposed Target – 10,000*

- Line 7 – Total New One-Stop Visits; *Proposed Target – 1,750*
- Line 8 – # of Cross-Trainings; *Proposed Target – 20*
- Line 9 - # of New OJT Participants; *Proposed Target – 150*
- Line 11 - # of Youth with New CCMEP IOPs; *Proposed Target – 150*
- Line 12 – PY21 Carry-in Funds Spent; *Proposed Target – 100%*
- Line 13 – PY22 WIOA Funds Spent &/or Obligated; *Proposed Target – 60%*
- Line 14 – % of One-Stop Partners Contributing to Cost Sharing; *Proposed Target – 100%*

The proposed PY22 targets for measures on Lines 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, and 14 are the same as PY21; the proposed targets for the remaining measures have been adjusted accordingly based on PY21 results and projected outcomes.

The new measure being proposed is Line 10 – # of new ITA participants. The # of new OJT participants has always been provided. The carry-in number of participants is difficult to acquire from the case management system at this time, but new participants can be recorded and tracked easily. After discussion, it was decided the # of new ITA participants will be included as a measure; the proposed target will be 300.

As the case management system progresses, measures can be added or adjusted during the year. Efforts will be made to add supplemental data to the Operator’s Report.

- Motion: To accept the proposed PY22 Area 17 Balanced Scorecard as discussed.
- Motion made by: Mark Ragozine
- Seconded by: Rachel Ketterman
- Discussion: None
- Motion approved.

Operations Update

The Mahoning County MCTA youth staff will be relocating from the MCTA Youngstown office to the Mahoning County OMJ center by August 29th. With this move, it is anticipated that more non-mandated participants will be recruited from more outlying areas in the county.

Under the FreshStart grant, which is the newest opioid grant received, Area 17 has provided career/training/supportive services to 24 participants; the goal is to serve 84 participants. Area 17 has also provided information about hiring individuals in recovery to 38 employers; the goal is to inform 100 employers.

The State issued the adjusted PY20 performance results for workforce areas. Area 17 met or exceeded all its negotiated measures.

Area 17 staff continues to participate in many outreach events in the community, and social media accounts continue to be utilized to inform the public about services available.

Additional career coaches have been added to the Ohio to Work (OTW) initiative. The Regional Chamber is also researching ways to sustain the OTW model.

WDB Meeting Attendance and Evaluation Summary

WDB members with low attendance have been contacted. Most have indicated they are still interested in serving on the Board and will send a proxy when they are unable to attend meetings. One member indicated that he will be retiring and suggested the HR manager take his place on the Board. Another business member is no longer employed with the company represented on the Board, so a new business will be needed. Suggested businesses include Full Circle Healthcare or Quality Water Systems.

The 7.19.22 WDB meeting evaluation was reviewed. Handouts will be labeled with the corresponding agenda item to help members know which handouts are being reviewed; handouts can also be held up for reference before being reviewed. Suggested topics to discuss will be included in upcoming meeting reports. Additional chairs will be provided for members who would like more space for social distancing.

Director's Update

State Case Management System (ARIES)

The State continues to make improvements to the ARIES case management system which local areas are required to use. A list was sent to local areas of individuals who were in the system incorrectly and had one day to review and correct the data. Local areas asked the State for an extension, and they now have two weeks to review and correct the information. Due to the system transition, Area 17 had 140 incorrect individuals in Adult and Dislocated Workers. A primary concern for areas is not knowing what other information may be in the system incorrectly that can impact performance moving forward.

Pre-Apprenticeship Grant

Some workforce areas in Ohio applied for a pre-apprenticeship grant offered through the US Department of Labor, however, no one in Ohio was successful in receiving the grant.

WDB Officer Elections

WDB officer elections will be held at the October WDB meeting. WDB officer nominations will be requested in September.

Hope Project

Local State staff are working on the Hope Project, which focuses on reaching individuals who applied for unemployment benefits but were not approved. Although they may not qualify for unemployment benefits, they can receive other services offered through the OMJ centers.

Career Planning in High Schools

Although it is not a concern in Area 17, workforce areas will be seeking permission from the State to use WIOA funds to enter into high schools for career planning purposes.

Relocation of MCTA Youngstown Office

Site selection to relocate the MCTA Youngstown administrative office is still under review. The intent is to move to Boardman to be in closer proximity to operations of the Mahoning County and Columbiana County OMJ centers. The Oakhill satellite office will be reopening soon, which will provide a presence for services in the Downtown Youngstown area.

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No items to report.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.