

**ONE-STOP COMMITTEE REPORT**

- The One-Stop Committee last met on March 10, 2022.
- Both OhioMeansJobs centers are on track to spend 100% of the PY21 budget. The PY22 incomes statements for both OhioMeansJobs were also provided to partners.
- The new, one-year OMJ Partner MOU was prepared and provided to partners. Efforts were made to maintain costs for partners as close as possible to the previous budget, however, some adjustments were made due to expected increases in rent costs. The Committee approved to recommend the Area 17 OMJ Partner MOU to the Executive Committee as presented.
- Most customers coming into the OMJ centers are RESEA individuals or individuals having issues with their OhioID account for unemployment benefits.
- Attendance at workshops is starting to increase. The Mahoning County OMJ center purchased new workshop computers, and Columbiana County OMJ center will purchase new workshop computers after July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Efforts continue to be made with Aspire to certify the Columbiana County OMJ center as a Pearson Vue test center for those who want to complete their high school equivalency.
- The OMJ Phase 3 certification process for the Columbiana County OMJ center has started. Information will be presented to the Executive Committee for scoring, and the final score will be recommended to the WDB for approval.
- Lieutenant Governor Husted recently acknowledged the leadership excellence and positive impact the Business Advisory Councils have had in both Mahoning and Columbiana counties.
- The next One-Stop Committee meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2022.

**WDB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- The Executive Committee last met on March 17, 2022.
- The Committee approved the appointment of Ed Emerick as the Youth Committee Chair.
- The State completed PY20 and PY21 fiscal monitoring for WIOA and CCMEP funds, and there were no findings.
- Progress continues to be made with the Ohio to Work (OTW) initiative. Area 17 received its first payment from OTW, and OTW career events are scheduled for the spring.
- The State has developed a new case management system called Advancement through Resources, Information, & Employment Services (ARIES). The system is expected to go live in April.
- The County Finance Information System (CFIS), which is the State's front-end customer tracking system, will be replacing the One-Flow system in Area 17.
- The 1.18.22 WDB meeting attendance was reviewed. The inclement weather impacted meeting attendance overall, and members' attendance will be analyzed after the April meeting. The 1.18.22 WDB meeting evaluation form was also reviewed, and the suggestion was made to include more member spotlights. Success stories were also well-received.

- The Committee approved to recommend the extension of the One-Stop Operator contract with Mahoning and Columbiana Training Association through June 30, 2023 to the Workforce Development Board.
- Youth services contracts with current providers were monitored and have satisfactorily met contractual requirements for the current period.
- The RFP for WIOA-CCMEP youth services was scheduled to close on February 4, 2022, however, due to inclement weather, proposals were accepted until February 7, 2022. Seven proposals were received, and the proposal review team met to discuss them on March 3, 2022. Additional information is being requested from the proposing organizations, and contractor recommendations will be made to the Executive Committee in May.
- The Committee accepted the recommendation from the One-Stop Committee to approve the new OMJ Partner MOU for a one-year period, covering July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- The Committee approved changes to WDB Program Policy 6 – *Supportive Services Attachment 1* as discussed.
- The Committee approved to recommend the completed Area 17 OMJ Center balanced scorecard for Phase 3 certification to the Workforce Development Board.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022.

### **YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

- No Youth Committee report at this time.
- The next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2022.

### **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

- The Individuals with Disabilities Committee last met on January 13, 2022.
- OOD completed its 2021 Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment which can be accessed at <https://ood.ohio.gov/about-us/statistics2/2021-comprehensive-statewide-needs-assessment>. The top barrier perceived by individuals with disabilities is employer attitudes toward people with disabilities.
- OOD offers a tremendous number of resources to educate employers and employees about individuals with disabilities. OOD employer resources can be accessed at <https://ood.ohio.gov/information-for-employers/employer-resources>. All training is free and can be customized to the audience.
- Under the Opioid Grant 3, 125 customers have been served under the grant, and 77 received training services. The grant is scheduled to end in March, but may be extended again.
- As part of OOD’s “Jobs for Recovery” program, a partnership has been established with the Youngstown Municipal Court to have a full-time OOD counselor present to work on various dockets. A job developer will eventually be hired to work with the counselor.
- For Phase 2 of the RETAIN Grant, Mercy Health has contacted OOD to brainstorm ways to serve individuals with disabilities. Additional diagnoses will be considered, and incentives may be offered to employers who

participate in the program. The Area 17 business services team will continue to recruit employers to pledge their participation in the return-to-work/stay-at-work program.

- The Columbiana County Port Authority is starting a new initiative called Recovery to Work which focuses on increasing the number of employers that hire, support, and retain people in recovery.
- The next Individuals with Disabilities Committee meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2022.