

ONE-STOP COMMITTEE REPORT

- The One-Stop Committee last met on March 9, 2023.
- Both OhioMeansJobs centers are on track to spend 100% of the PY22 budget by June 30, 2023. Mahoning County has \$54,000 left to spend; Columbiana County has \$19,000 left to spend. The PY23 budgets, which begin July 1, 2023, were also provided.
- The Committee recommended the PY23/24 Area 17 OMJ Partner MOU to the Executive Committee for approval.
- Area 17, along with other areas in Ohio and other states, will be participating in a RETAIN meeting with DOL to share success stories and other information requested by DOL.
- A large discrepancy in data remains between CFIS and One-Flow; the issue is currently being addressed with the State.
- Traffic at the OMJ centers continues to increase. Many customers are coming in to ask unemployment questions, completing RESEA activities, or may have lost benefits and looking for a job or additional assistance.
- Individuals will eventually need to register with the OH ID system, which is a single, sign-on system to access all State services. OhioMeansJobs.com will eventually be under this system.
- The Auditor of State conducted a public interest audit of the ODJFS/OWD programs to identify areas for improved efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency. The final report identifies six key observations and nine recommendations for workforce development programs.
- The next One-Stop Committee meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023.

WDB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Executive Committee last met on March 16, 2023.
- The Committee accepted the revisions to WDB Administrative Policy 7: *No Weapons* and WDB Program Policy 1: *On-the-Job Training* as discussed.
- The Committee accepted PY22/23 MOU Addendum C, which adds MYCAP becoming a required partner to the OMJ center in Mahoning County.
- The final Ohio To Work performance report, which includes customer demographics, the number of customers enrolled in reskilling, and the number of customers placed in employment, was provided for review.
- The 1.17.23 WDB meeting attendance summary was reviewed. Two business members have resigned from the Board, and other members have indicated the need to resign due to time constraints. The 1.17.23 WDB meeting evaluation summary was also reviewed. Suggested meeting topics include OJTs, updates from the BACs, and targeted employment needs/in-demand skills.

- Due to a higher demand for training requests, MCTA has entered priority status for its WIOA formulary funds. MCTA requested \$650,000 from ODJFS and received \$487,500; the State indicated the remaining \$162,500 can be requested from other areas in March. Additional Dislocated Worker funding is also expected from the State later.
- The two-year review of the regional and local plans is scheduled to be completed. Changes are expected to be minimal, and any changes will be made available to the Board for comment. Final revisions are due to the State by the end of May.
- The Committee approved to recommend to the Workforce Development Board the extension of the One-Stop Operator contract with Mahoning and Columbiana Training Association through June 30, 2024.
- The Committee accepted the recommendation from the Youth Committee and WDB Director to approve the youth contract modifications for Academy for Urban Scholars, Columbiana County Educational Service Center, Compass Family and Community Services, The Counseling Center of Columbiana County, and Junior Achievement Mahoning Valley as presented.
- The Committee accepted the recommendation from the One-Stop Committee to approve the PY23/PY24 OMJ Partner MOU.
- Due to the issues with ARIES and CFIS, the internal CCMEP process flow has been reviewed, and changes have been made to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the data being entered, as well as increase the speed of paperwork being submitted to the fiscal department.
- A YouTube video of the CCMEP orientation will be developed to make the assessment and enrollment process more efficient. Given the high number of CCMEP referrals, the video will allow staff more time to complete other required duties.
- A modification of the regional and local plans has been posted on www.wdbinc.org for review and comment. Strategies remain the same; changes made pertain to grants and programs that may have started or ended.
- Area 17 will participate in a workgroup with the State to discuss the key observations and recommendations noted in the Auditor of State's public interest audit of ODJFS/OWD workforce development programs.
- Another concern identified with ARIES is the lack of communication between State program and monitoring staff about the system's limitations. Monitors are documenting findings, however, ARIES is unable to provide the information.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2023.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Youth Committee last met on March 2, 2023.
- The Committee approved the appointment of WDB members Marilyn Montes (MYCAP) and Meribeth Noble (Compco Industries) to the Committee.
- Definitions of the five primary CCMEP performance measures were provided and explained.

- Currently, MCTA has 380 active participants in CCMEP. Another 110 participants completed CCMEP and are receiving follow-up services.
- Since July 1, 2022, 655 referrals have been made to CCMEP, which is 443 more than the previous year. This is largely due to the extensive outreach campaign that was implemented last year.
- The Committee approved to recommend the proposed contract modifications for Academy for Urban Scholars, Compass Family & Community Services, The Counseling Center of Columbiana County, and Junior Achievement Mahoning Valley to the Executive Committee for approval.
- The Committee approved to provide the WDB Director with the authority to recommend modifications for the Columbiana County Educational Service Center and Utica Shale Academy to the Executive Committee as appropriate.
- The primary focus of youth staff in Columbiana County is determining what services are needed for participants to successfully graduate; in Mahoning County, the staff continues to focus on building relationships with the schools so youth will already know about CCMEP when they graduate.
- There are many success stories resulting from CCMEP and few of the stories were shared.
- The next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2023.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Individuals with Disabilities Committee last met on January 12, 2023.
- The Committee approved the appointment of WDB members Melissa Maiorano (Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber), Meribeth Noble (Compco Industries), and Julie Rupert (Huntington Bank) to the Committee.
- The Regional Chamber and Eastgate Regional Council of Governments are seeking grant funds to start an initiative that focuses on migration opportunities to capitalize on people from other countries who are looking for a place to reside. The Regional Chamber is also working on the Regional Workforce Coalition, which also focuses on attracting individuals to the area.
- The need for employers to consider new retention strategies was discussed. It is important for employers to understand what motivates an employee; what is important may not be the traditional benefits offered.
- Many individuals with disabilities are motivated to gain full-time employment, however, they may lose their benefits while working full-time. If a full-time position can be changed to two part-time positions, this can be advantageous to individuals with disabilities and employers.
- The Columbiana County Board of Development Disabilities (CCBDD) and the YSU Excellence Training Center were awarded a grant from the State. The grant project will be to increase the number of individuals with disabilities who receive micro-certifications, certifications, and enter apprenticeships. Shirley Bowald from CCBDD and Jackie Ruller from the YSU Excellence Training Center will be invited to present information about the grant at the next meeting.
- The next Individuals with Disabilities Committee meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2023.