

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.
OF
MAHONING AND COLUMBIANA COUNTIES
One-Stop Committee Meeting
December 9, 2021
8:00 am
Dutch Village Inn – Best Western Plus

Attendees: Tom Andrews, Shirley Bowald, Barbara Bush, Megan Cowden, Kelly Darney, John Dilling, Lynn Esposito, Bryan Higgins, Lindsay Hildreth, Mary Ann Kochalko, Susie Kooser, Mary Mihalopoulos, Christina Miller, Dawn Monteiro, Lori Murphy, Robert Ritchey, Sharlene Senediak, Rick Shepas, Jennifer Strank, Holly Swartz, Sheyra Vazquez, Tammy Wolfe, and Kristen Womeldorff.

Call to Order/Introductions

Kelly Darney, One-Stop Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00am, and introductions were made.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion:	To approve the consent agenda items as presented.
Motion made by:	Tom Andrews
Seconded by:	Shirley Bowald
Discussion:	None
Motion approved.	

Old Business

Budget to Actual Report

Budgets for both OhioMeansJobs centers in Area 17 were provided for review, and both are on track to spend at least 50% of their PY21 budgets by December 31, 2021.

New Business

Ohio to Work Initiative

Partners were provided with an Ohio to Work (OTW) flyer, which offers an overview of the initiative and the partners involved with it. OTW is also hosting a job fair today from 9am-2pm at Hollywood Gaming in Austintown, OH. 20 employers and 10 service providers will be in attendance.

As a result of OTW, Area 17 OMJ centers now have Facebook and Instagram pages. Partners were encouraged to connect with the pages and share with their customers.

Monthly demographic reports for OTW have been submitted, and the first quarterly performance report will be due soon. If performance criteria is met, Area 17 can receive additional funds. Performance criteria includes creative outreach, increased collaboration among Ohio to Work partners, employer sessions, and success stories. Partners were asked to share any success stories of individuals who were referred to them by the OMJ centers to Gloria Mathews.

OMJ Certification

The State has scheduled a kick-off meeting on January 10, 2022, to review Phase 3 certification for OMJ centers. Additional information will be shared when it becomes available.

OMJ Center Updates

Area 17 will be switching its front-end customer tracking system from OneFlow to CFIS, which is the State's system. The change is expected to take effect February 14, 2022. OneFlow is paid through June 30, 2022, and will continue to be used for transitional purposes to ensure all necessary information continues to be tracked accurately in CFIS.

Partners were reminded to contact Jack Hile to schedule a cross-training if any new information needs to be shared.

WDB Update

MOU

Last year, local areas were supposed to negotiate a two-year MOU for OMJ partners, however, the State provided an option to extend the current MOU for one year in order to maintain consistency during the pandemic. At that time, it was advised that areas choosing the extension will need to negotiate a new, one-year MOU beginning July 1, 2022. Guidance has not been issued yet, but partners will be contacted when information becomes available.

Youth Services RFP

The Board has issued its RFP for WIOA-CCMEP youth services. The RFP is available at www.wdbinc.org. The deadline to submit questions is January 7th, and proposals are due by February 4th.

Opportunity@Work Presentation

Rick Shepas, from YSU's Division of Workforce Education and Innovation, presented information about The Excellence Training Center (ETC), which can be utilized by employers to provide hands-on training in areas of advanced manufacturing for their employees. The YSU Skills Accelerator was also created and provides in-demand skills training and stackable industry credentials online. These online credentials are designed to be easily accessible, affordable, and can be completed in a short timeframe.

Meeting Evaluation

Partners were asked to complete the meeting evaluation form provided. Partners were also reminded to respond to the meeting invite to ensure an accurate count and adequate space is provided. Meetings may resume in the Legacy Room on the 3rd floor in the future.

Partner Updates

Columbiana County Port Authority (CCPA) – CCPA received a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission to establish a Recovery to Work program. Efforts are being made to recruit agencies to be a part of the program and to speak with businesses who are willing to employ individuals in recovery. An initial (virtual) meeting is scheduled for January 11th.

Community Action Agency of Columbiana County (CAAOCC) – CAAOCC received \$800,000 from the State for energy assistance; \$150,000 was utilized just for the month of November. Given the increased cost of fuel, a lot more need for assistance is anticipated. The State has also provided funds for water assistance. CAAOCC also received \$2 million from the U.S. Treasury for rental and utility assistance to help those impacted by COVID-19. \$1.6 million has been spent, and more funding is expected for next year.

Mahoning County Career & Technical Center (MCCTC) – MCCTC will be hosting a Health and Safety Fair on June 1, 2022. MCCTC is also in its beginning stages of developing an advisory council for recovery services.

Next Meeting – The next One-Stop Committee meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2022.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.