

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.
OF
MAHONING AND COLUMBIANA COUNTIES**

One-Stop Committee Meeting
March 14, 2024
8:00 am

Best Western Plus – Dutch Haus Inn & Suites

Attendees: Courtney Amendola, Tom Andrews, Ralph Blanco, Shirley Bowald, Cyndy Bresnahan, Ishmael Brown, Barbara Bush, Jennifer Campbell, Kathleen Clarke, Kelly Darney, John Dilling, Lynn Esposito, James Ford, Bryan Higgins, Lindsay Hildreth, Jack Hile, Jim Jarvis, Autumn Judge, Mary Ann Kochalko, William Moore, Lori Murphy, Shelley Murray, Mark Nicastro, Carol Ramsay-Loomis, Robert Ritchey, Jason Schnabl, Sharlene Senediak, Puella Stoddard, Brianna Sullivan, and Susie Wickline.

Call to Order/Introductions

Kelly Darney, One-Stop Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05am, and introductions took place.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion: To approve the consent agenda items as presented.
Motion made by: Lori Murphy
Seconded by: James Ford
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

Old Business

Budget to Actual Report

The PY23 income statements for Area 17 OhioMeansJobs centers were provided, and both counties are on track to spend their budgets 100% by June 30, 2024. Currently, Mahoning County has \$21,927 left to spend; Columbiana County has \$14,452 left to spend. A request was made to partners to allow the transfer of funds between budget line items to meet the needs of the OMJ centers.

Mahoning County

Motion: To allow the transfer of funds between budget line items within the Mahoning County budget, without exceeding the current budget.
Motion made by: Lori Murphy
Seconded by: Ishmael Brown
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

Columbiana County

Motion: To allow the transfer of funds between budget line items within the Columbiana County budget, without exceeding the current budget.
Motion made by: Tom Andrews
Seconded by: Shirley Bowald
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

New Business

MOU Addendums and PY24 MOU Budget Adjustments

Three MOU addendums were presented, and all pertained to Mahoning County. Addendums included:

- Addendum B – Compass Family and Community Services has requested to no longer be a partner, effective January 1, 2024.
- Addendum C – Equus Workforce Solutions has replaced Serrato Group as the Job Corps Operator. OMJ partnership will be reduced from 1 FTE to equal access, effective January 1, 2024.
- Addendum D – MYCAP has requested to be removed as a partner, effective January 30, 2024, since it no longer has the Community Services Block Grant.

MCTA will cover the difference in costs for the remainder of this program year for the changes related to these addendums.

Mahoning County

Motion: To recommend Addendums B-D as discussed to the Executive Committee for approval.

Motion made by: Ishmael Brown

Seconded by: Jim Jarvis

Discussion: None

Motion approved.

Based on the recent addendum changes, the PY24 OMJ budget for Mahoning County was reviewed. Rather than renegotiating the budget for the remainder of the MOU period, some of the current budget line items were adjusted to reduce the overall budget to \$18,568.64. Updated budgets for Mahoning County partners can be provided at the June meeting.

Mahoning County

Motion: To recommend the reduced PY24 MOU budget for Mahoning County as discussed to the Executive Committee for approval.

Motion made by: Lori Murphy

Seconded by: Shelley Murray

Discussion: None

Motion approved.

OMJ Center Updates

Mahoning County

All carpet throughout the OMJ center has been replaced. Progress continues to be made with the State rebranding. Quotes for signage have been received, and expenses will most likely exceed the amount of funding the State provided for rebranding assistance. To cover the difference, local areas must use their funding. Computer equipment will be reviewed at the Boardman location to determine what needs to be updated; any computer equipment replaced in Boardman will move to the Oak Hill satellite.

Columbiana County

The signage for rebranding is less intensive since the center is in a government building, but quotes have been requested for new decals where needed. IT equipment and chairs will be replaced by the end of June. Most of the customer traffic relates to unemployment claims and establishing/fixing an OH|ID account.

WDB Updates

Office of Unemployment Insurance Operations (OUIO)

OMJ centers are required to provide meaningful assistance to customers who apply for unemployment benefits. Claimants have experienced difficulties that are beyond what the local OMJ staff can address. Mahoning County is participating in a 3-month pilot program with OUIO to help improve unemployment service delivery locally.

Federal Funding Status

Since September, Congress has extended the approval of the current year's budget four times. If it is not approved by March 22nd, an automatic 1% sequestration across all agencies will be instituted. Out of twelve bills reviewed, six were recently approved, however, WIOA reauthorization was not one of them. The Education and Workforce Committee in the US House of Representatives proposed a preliminary bipartisan bill, known as HR6655 – the Stronger Workforce for America Act, but no action has been taken on it since December.

Meeting Evaluation

Partners were asked to complete the meeting evaluation form provided.

Partner Updates

Goodwill Industries of Youngstown

Shelley Murray, Interim CEO at Goodwill Industries of Youngstown, invited partners to tour Goodwill facilities and learn more about the services it has available for the community.

TANF Youth Summer Program

Mahoning County Department of Job and Family Services is partnering with MCTA to conduct the TANF Youth Summer Program. Planning is underway to begin the program in June.

Next Meeting

The next One-Stop Committee meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2024.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35am.