

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

Youth Committee Meeting
March 2, 2023
3:00pm
YJATC Office

Committee Members Present: Chuck Adkins for Michelle Fitzsimmons, Ed Emerick, Julie Needs, Meribeth Noble, and Scott Satterlee
Committee Members Absent: Joe Caruso and Marilyn Montes
Board Staff: Mary Ann Kochalko and Sharlene Senediak
CCMEP Lead Agency Staff: Dana Bowles and Leigh Samargia-Pflug

Ed Emerick, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15pm, and a quorum was established.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes from September 2, 2021, June 2, 2022, and September 1, 2022, as presented.
Motion made by: Scott Satterlee
Seconded by: Julie Needs
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

2023 Youth Committee Meeting Schedule

Motion: To approve the 2023 Youth Committee meeting schedule as presented.
Motion made by: Chuck Adkins
Seconded by: Julie Needs
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

Youth Committee Membership

WDB members Marilyn Montes from MYCAP and Meribeth Noble from Compco Industries are interested in joining the Youth Committee.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Marilyn Montes and Meribeth Noble to the Youth Committee.
Motion made by: Scott Satterlee
Seconded by: Chuck Adkins
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

Performance

Definitions of the CCMEP primary performance measures were provided and explained. The five primary performance measures are:

1. Education, training, or employment 2nd quarter after exit;
2. Education, training, or employment 4th quarter after exit;
3. Median earnings 2nd quarter after exit;
4. Credential attainment rate; and
5. Measurable skills gain.

MCTA usually meets the first three performance measures. Measurable skills gain is the only real-time measure; all other measures happen after exiting the program. With the ARIES case management

system, data entered for the measurable skills gain is not staying in the system. The State is sending local areas weekly performance reports to monitor any discrepancies. The unreliability of ARIES is creating a lot of extra work for staff to ensure information is accurate.

Review of CCMEP Activity Report

The CCMEP Activity Report (July 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023) was provided and reviewed. Total active CCMEP participants is 380. The number of new enrollments since July 1st is 76; 34 participants are currently in the job readiness program; 89 are in high school or preparing for their high school equivalency exam; 3 have attained their high school diploma or equivalency; 44 are enrolled in post-secondary training; 9 have completed training; and 102 have been placed in unsubsidized employment.

Since July 1st, 655 referrals have been made to CCMEP, which is 443 more than the previous year. This is due to the extensive outreach effort that was conducted last year. When individuals come in for intake, they may not be eligible for CCMEP, but could be eligible as an Adult of Dislocated Worker to receive services. Dana Bowles manages the CCMEP referrals. Initially, referrals were mostly done by paper, however, a digital option is now available. The referrals are also emailed to a separate email address for easier tracking. Aside from self-referrals, many referrals are coming from schools or other community agencies. Prior to outreach, most CCMEP participants in Mahoning County were OWF clients, which are required to participate in CCMEP to maintain their cash benefits; after the outreach, most Mahoning County participants are non-mandated. Among the 430 referrals in Mahoning County, 185 are mandated and 245 are non-mandated.

The State has contracted with the Ohio Workforce Association to oversee an external evaluation of CCMEP. The State is also in discussions with changing the name of CCMEP. CCMEP is unique to Ohio and is funded through TANF and WIOA youth funds.

Extension/Modification of Youth Services Contracts

Based on WDB Administrative Policy 6 – *Monitoring & Oversight*, contracts must be monitored at least once a year and is usually conducted at midpoint of the contract period. The six youth service provider contracts were recently monitored based on their performance related to the 14 WIOA/CCMEP elements they could provide. Of the six contracts, four are ready to be recommended to the Executive Committee for a one-year renewal; the remaining two contracts may have additional changes which are not ready to be presented at this time.

Motion: To recommend to the Executive Committee the proposed modifications for Academy for Urban Scholars, Compass Family & Community Services, The Counseling Center of Columbiana County, and Junior Achievement Mahoning Valley.

Motion made by: Scott Satterlee

Seconded by: Julie Needs

Discussion: None

Motion approved.

Motion: To give the WDB Director authority to recommend modifications for Columbiana County Educational Service Center and Utica Shale Academy to the Executive Committee as appropriate.

Motion made by: Chuck Adkins

Seconded by: Julie Needs

Discussion: None

Motion approved.

County Updates / Success Stories

County Updates

In Columbiana County, the primary focus is on successful graduations and determining what services participants may need to graduate. In Mahoning County, staff continue building relationships with the schools, so youth already know about CCMEP when they graduate.

In Mahoning County, 64 participants have completed the program and are eligible to receive follow-up services in Mahoning County; in Columbiana County, 46 have completed and are eligible to receive follow-up services.

Success Stories

A pregnant participant moved back to Mahoning County from another state. With encouragement from her career consultant, she was able to leave a domestic violence situation. Since then, she received a culinary certification and is now pursuing an associate's degree in business.

In Columbiana County, a participant attended Utica Shale Academy and was very supportive of his fellow students. When he graduated, MCTA helped him obtain his paraprofessional license, and he is now working at Utica Shale Academy as a paraprofessional.

A participant was working on her high school equivalency exam and found out about the 22+ Program at MCCTC. She explored the program and realized she only needed 4 credits to receive her high school diploma. She enrolled into the program and will have her high school diploma at the end of March.

A participant aged out of the foster care system and had no family support. He became homeless when he turned 18 years old. One day after he turned 18, he came to MCTA for CCMEP services. He was connected to Community Action Agency which placed him in a shelter. He does not have his high school diploma, but he is enrolled in high school equivalency classes and will take his first test soon. With help from community services, he has his own apartment and will begin work experience in information technology.

Member Updates/Other Business

CCCTC – A sophomore open house is scheduled for this evening. 160-170 visiting students and their parents are expected to attend. A career fair is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 9th.

Next Meeting – The next Youth Committee is scheduled for June 1, 2023, at 3pm.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.