

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

One-Stop Committee Meeting  
September 8, 2022  
8:00 am

Best Western Plus – Dutch Haus Inn & Suites

**Attendees:** Tom Andrews, Shirley Bowald, Cyndy Bresnahan, Ty-Juan Bright, Barbara Bush, Jennifer Campbell, Megan Cowden, Kelly Darney, John Dilling, Chris Doyle, Lynn Esposito, Bryan Higgins, Lindsay Hildreth, Jack Hile, David Janofa, Mary Ann Kochalko, Susie Kooser, Mary Mihalopoulos, Christina Miller, Dawn Monteiro, Nico Morgione, Lori Murphy, Mark Nicastro, Annie Phillips, Carol Ramsay-Loomis, Robert Ritchey, Sharlene Senediak, Jennifer Strank, Tammy Wolfe, and Kristen Womeldorff.

**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:	Tom Andrews
Seconded by:	Dawn Monteiro
Discussion:	None
Motion approved.	

**Old Business**

**Budget to Actual Report**

The PY22 income statements for both OhioMeansJobs centers in Area 17 were provided. Currently, Mahoning County has 83% of its budget left to spend; Columbiana County has 80% left to spend. As usual, both budgets will be 100% spent by June 30, 2023.

**New Business**

**MOU Addendum B**

The Way Station would like to become an equal access partner at the OhioMeansJobs Center Columbiana County. There would be no change in cost for partners. This new partnership would serve as Addendum B to the current OMJ Partner MOU.

*Columbiana County*

Motion:	To make the recommendation to the Executive Committee to accept Addendum B as discussed.
Motion made by:	Tom Andrews
Seconded by:	John Dilling
Discussion:	None
Motion approved.	

**MCTA and Partner Staff Relocation**

Since receiving the eviction notice from the City of Youngstown for the office at the 20 W. Federal St. building, MCTA youth staff members in Mahoning County have been permanently relocated to the OhioMeansJobs center in Boardman. It is anticipated that outreach to youth in rural and outlying areas in the county will increase. This relocation meets many of the needs the youth staff felt needed to be in place to continue to serve youth participants effectively. Being located at the OMJ center will also provide youth participants the opportunity to utilize the available services at the OMJ center. To make room for the youth staff, other partners were relocated to different offices within the OMJ center. An invitation for partners to tour the center was extended. The OMJ satellite located at the Oakhill Renaissance center will be reopening on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The satellite will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-4pm.

## **BRN Grant Update**

Cyndy Bresnahan, Business Services Manager, provided an overview of the Business Resource Network (BRN). Interviews are conducted with businesses to assess their needs and referrals are made to partners who can address those needs.

The BRN grant took effect January 1, 2022, and since that time, approximately 20 BRN interviews have been conducted, and three BRN Account Executives have been hired under the grant. Partners were encouraged to refer any businesses they may be working with to Cyndy to contact for a potential BRN interview.

Recruitments continue to be held at the OMJ centers. In Mahoning County, the Hot Dog Shoppe is recruiting for its new location that will be opening soon in Boardman. MCTA will be recruiting for an Intake Specialist position next week at the OMJ center in Columbiana County.

## **OMJ Center Updates**

Facilitators and youth staff will rotate to provide staffing coverage for the OMJ satellite at the Oakhill Renaissance Center; a senior aide may also be hired. Staff will also be able to park in the parking garage and receive facility badges to access the OMJ satellite before it is open to the public daily. Notices will be issued to announce the OMJ satellite reopening.

Youth staff who relocated to the OMJ center were able to keep their previous extensions, however, outside callers must dial the OMJ phone number rather than the MCTA phone number.

The computer lab at the OhioMeansJobs Center Columbiana County is now a certified Person Vue testing center. The paperwork for the fiscal agent is still being processed.

The State's CFIS customer tracking system will be replacing the OneFlow system. The local OMJ website will still be available, however, the site will be reviewed to determine how it will be utilized moving forward. The URL will also be changed to [www.omjworkforce.org](http://www.omjworkforce.org) and [www.omjworkforce.com](http://www.omjworkforce.com) to be consistent with the current branding. 7078 forms have been sent to partners so partners can access CFIS.

If partners hire any new staff, training can be provided about the OMJ centers. Partners were also reminded they can schedule cross-trainings about any new programs or services they may be offering.

Monthly in-person and virtual customer traffic reports comparing the previous program year to the current program year were presented. Tracking trends can determine peak times for customer visits, identify low periods of traffic that may require additional outreach, and attribute what may be impacting changes in customer traffic. The suggestion was made to provide customer traffic trend reports at each meeting for review.

## **WDB Update**

### *Performance Audit*

Since March, the Auditor of State has been conducting a performance audit on the reemployment programs offered by the Office of Workforce Development under the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Since most of the services are offered locally through the OMJ centers, local areas provided information about partner services and local OMJ budgets. Representatives from the Auditor of State's office visited some areas, however, Area 17 was not one of those areas. A report showing the results of the audit is expected next quarter, and recommendations are anticipated for local area operations. Additional information will be shared when it becomes available.

### *MCTA Office Relocation*

The City of Youngstown received a brownfield grant to remediate the 20 W. Federal St. building, which will require the MCTA Youngstown office to relocate out of the building. To have administrative operations closer to the OMJ centers in both counties, the office will be relocating to Boardman. The actual move is anticipated to be in October.

## **Meeting Evaluation**

Partners were asked to complete the meeting evaluation form provided.

## **Partner Updates**

### *ODJFS*

Amy Engle has been hired as the new Wagner-Peyser staff in Columbiana County. She previously worked for MCTA and is very familiar with the OMJ center. She is now focusing her attention on learning the services and requirements for Wagner-Peyser.

This week, ODJFS Director Damschroeder rolled out a new initiative called the HOPE Project – Helping Ohioans Pursue Employment. The project concentrates on reaching out to all Ohioans who file for unemployment. Individuals who file a claim will receive correspondence once a week, for four weeks explaining what services are available through the OMJ centers.

#### *YSU*

YSU held a three-month STEM summer camp at the Excellence Training Center. The camp was for 9-14 year old students, and it was a successful event.

CoreCivic is participating in a credentialing program through the Excellence Training Center, which provides inmates the opportunity to gain a credential that can lead to employment.

The first business training cohort, which was through the SOD Center, was completed recently at the Excellence Center. Three businesses participated in the training, and they are looking forward to the next phase of training.

Nico Morgione will be working with business development and industry partnerships for the Division of Workforce Education and Innovation.

Youngstown Works will be hosting a hiring event on October 4th, 10am-2pm, at Stambaugh Auditorium. Registration forms for employers and jobseekers are available on the Youngstown Works website.

#### *YMHA*

A HUD Family Strong event was held back in August. The event was held at a family site, and 26 vendors and 350 participants were in attendance. The high attendance can be attributed due to the partnership with Care Source and a local healthcare system providing transportation. New staff have also been hired for various departments at the agency.

A business center is available, and efforts will be made to offer OMJ workshops in the future.

The national HUD certification training, which brings representatives from across the country, will be hosted this year by YMHA.

#### *CCPA*

October is National Manufacturing Month, and CCPA, along with the SOD Center, is hosting a Workers' Appreciation Day on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Salem Industrial Park. Approximately 1,000 employees work there, and the intent is to provide lunch to all employees that day. A Student Day is also being considered and may be held in the Village of Leetonia, which is where many high-tech manufacturers are located.

Executive Director Penny Traina is 1 of 25 people who has been elected to serve on the National Maritime Transportation Advisory Committee, which meets with US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Statistical Port, which is comprised of 11 counties along the Ohio River, has been created. It is the largest inland statistical port in the country.

#### *Columbiana County Educational Service Center – Business Advisory Council*

Manufacturing Your Future Day is being planned with Congressman Bill Johnson's office and will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

A Kids' STEM University is being held on September 10<sup>th</sup> at KSU – Salem. 25 exhibitors will be in attendance to inform young students and parents what career opportunities are available in Columbiana County and provide them with hands-on experience.

The Skilled Trades Expo will also be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Canfield Fairgrounds.

#### *MCDJFS*

MCDJFS contracts with the Mahoning County Juvenile Court to conduct a summer youth program. This past summer, 300 youth were placed in non-profit organizations throughout Mahoning County. The program will come to a close at the end of September. The agency's office is still closed to the public; all transactions are being completed over the phone.

#### *CAA of Columbiana County*

Under a collaboration with NEORide, federal funding is available for micro transits (Ubers) in Salem and Columbiana. The funding is available for 5 years.

When additional transportation staff is available, a route from Wellsville to Lisbon will be considered.

*Next Meeting*

The next One-Stop Committee meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2022.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.