

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.**  
**OF**  
**MAHONING AND COLUMBIANA COUNTIES**  
One-Stop Committee Meeting  
June 13, 2019  
8:00 am  
Dutch Village Inn  
Columbiana, Ohio

**Attendees:** Susie Aikens, Tom Andrews, Shirley Bowald, Cyndy Bresnahan, Ty-Juan Bright, Bert Cene, Kelly Darney, John Dilling, Luann Dunham, Lynn Esposito, James Ford, Gwendolyn Graves, Tonya Hawkins, Bryan Higgins, Lindsay Hildreth, Jack Hile, Mary Ann Kochalko, Joyce Loychik, Gloria Mathews, Mary Mihalopoulos, Mark Nicastro, Carol Ramsay-Loomis, Robert Ritchey, Denis Robinson, Coral Russell, Sharlene Senediak, Leigh Ann Smith, Kathy Steele, Jennifer Strank, Julian Walker, Jason Whitehead, Patty Wilms, and Denise Yoho.

**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:	Jason Whitehead
Seconded by:	James Ford
Discussion:	None
Motion approved.	

**Old Business**

**Budget to Actual Report**

As of today, Mahoning County has \$25,000, and Columbiana County has \$4,500, left to spend for the program year. All funding will be spent by June 30, 2019.

**New Business**

**Boardman Office Flooding and Restoration**

Due to the heavy rain on May 28, 2019, the OhioMeansJobs center was one of seven suites in the Boardman Plaza that experienced extensive flooding. There have been minor issues with rain in the past, however, even with sandbags placed at the doors, the carpet was saturated with water throughout the entire office. Representatives for the Boardman Plaza became involved immediately, and ServePro began the extraction process. Since more extraction was needed than originally expected, the center had to close, however, staff were relocated, and service delivery remained available at the Oakhill and Columbiana County locations. Only a few computer systems needed to be replaced. The carpet had to be removed, and drywall around perimeter also needed to be changed. After the carpet was pulled out, old mastic adhesive was exposed. Mastic adhesive contains asbestos, and although it is not friable, the plaza management/owner wants to abate the flooring now, rather than have a potential issue later. An air quality test was completed and there are no issues.

At this time, the flooring will be sealed, runners will be provided, and the center will be operational and open to the public on June 24<sup>th</sup> in the current space. The immediate focus has been to provide a safe, operational environment in order to provide services to customers, particularly those seeking funding assistance for training. At some point, the Boardman Plaza will want to abate the floor. Since there is no assurance that flooding will not happen again, plaza representatives suggested some other sites on higher ground within the plaza. Other spaces were seen, and further discussions will be held to determine best options available. Options will be presented to the commissioners and the Board for consideration and approval.

## **Facility Report**

### *Mahoning County*

New computer systems are being purchased to replace systems in the computer labs at the Boardman and Oakhill locations. The new systems will have Windows 10 operating system. Monitors are not being replaced.

The MOU with the Mahoning County library is in the process of being renewed. The only changes made from the previous MOU is the removal of an end date and an out-clause for both parties.

Customers have been utilizing Oakhill while the Boardman location is closed. Some of the workshop schedules have been altered to meet the customer need of those seeking funding assistance for training.

A trucking job fair is being held today, from 10am-1pm, at the Boardman library. Eight employers and three training providers will be in attendance. available for individuals to speak to during 10am-1pm.

### *Columbiana County*

Three library MOUs have been completed. The MOUs are with the Salem, East Liverpool, and Wellsville libraries.

Outreach continues with the local school systems to offer K-12 training on [www.ohiomeansjobs.com](http://www.ohiomeansjobs.com). Two online schools in/near Columbiana County have shown interest in receiving training on the OMJ K-12 feature and the OMJ credential.

Partners were reminded that cross-trainings for new programs can be scheduled to provide information to other partner staff at one time. The Brightside Project, which provides assistance to children in Columbiana County, is scheduled as a cross-training for next month. Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority has also been asked to present information about its Center for Hope programs for an upcoming cross-training session.

## **Services for Out of School Youth**

Susie Aikens, MCTA Youth Services Coordinator in Columbiana County, and Tonya Hawkins, MCTA Youth Services Coordinator in Mahoning County explained how the youth department staff have been diligently trying to recruit 18-24 year-old individuals into the CCMEP program. MCTA wants to make sure the message is clear that a year-round program for youth is available, which also includes work experience. CCMEP brochures were distributed to the partners to show the types of resources that are available. Assistance was requested from the partners to refer individuals to the program and/or offer suggestions where MCTA staff can go to provide information about the program. Out-of-school youth is the primary focus, and it is difficult to reach this population. Referrals can be done electronically or by phone. Job Corps is also having difficulty reaching the young adult population, however, they have had success going to parent meetings. Job Corps and MCTA will work together to refer appropriate customers between each other to help customers to be successful.

## **Opioid Grants**

Area 17 is part of a \$8 million DOL grant awarded to the State. The grant (Opioid Grant 2) is a dislocated worker grant that places an emphasis on helping those who have been impacted by the opioid crisis. \$900,000 has been allocated specifically to Mahoning County. Meetings have been held with the mental health and recovery board partners to refer their clients to workforce development services. If referred individuals are not eligible under this grant, they may be eligible under another funding stream. It is anticipated that the grant will be expanded statewide in order to meet the projected deliverables, which means Columbiana County may have a more active role in the grant. Grant 2 will end September 30, 2020.

Last week, an announcement was made stating that Ohio received another \$11 million DOL disaster grant (Grant 3) to further address the opioid crisis. Grant 3 is a dislocated grant, however, the eligibility criteria is more open than Grant 2 and can serve individuals who are long-term unemployed in both Mahoning and Columbiana counties. More guidance will be needed before the area can move forward. Grant 3 will end March 31, 2021.

## **Meeting Evaluation**

Partners were asked to complete the meeting evaluation.

### **Partner Updates**

*Aspire* – Aspire in Mahoning County has officially completed its relocation from Choffin Career Center to Eastern Gateway Community College. Aspire services will also be administered by Eastern Gateway Community College in Columbiana County.

*Eastern Gateway Community College* – Phlebotomy, STNA, and CPR programs will begin soon, and an LPN course will be offered at the Youngstown campus. The phone extension to reach ESOL, Aspire, and Workforce Development is x3200.

*Goodwill Industries* – Goodwill Industries of Youngstown is working with CVS to provide customer service training in a CVS mock store. Pharmacy tech and managerial level training may also be provided in the future. Individuals will receive an industry-recognized credential and can apply to CVS. Ohio is experiencing a high shortage of pharmacy technicians, and this training program can address the issue.

*ODJFS* – ODJFS is hiring an Account Executive to work with the local business team in Mahoning and Columbiana counties. The posting closed last week and was only open for internal State candidates. If the internal candidates do not meet the qualifications, the posting will reopen to the public.

*Next Meeting* – The next One-Stop Committee meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2019.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05am.