

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

One-Stop Committee Meeting
June 8, 2023
8:00 am

Best Western Plus – Dutch Haus Inn & Suites

Attendees: Courtney Amendola, Tom Andrews, Theresa Berkenyi, Cyndy Bresnahan, Barbara Bush, Jennifer Campbell, Kelly Darney, Lynn Esposito, Korena Ferguson, James Ford, Jack Hile, David Janofa, Mary Ann Kochalko, Susie Kooser, Mary Mihalopoulos, Dawn Monteiro, Lori Murphy, Mark Nicasastro, Joe Paloski, Carol Ramsay-Loomis, Robert Ritchey, Sharlene Senediak, Tina Strait, Brianna Sullivan, Amelia Taggart, and Kristen Womeldorff.

Call to Order/Introductions

Kelly Darney, One-Stop Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00am, 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 PY22 income statements for Area 17 OhioMeansJobs centers were provided. Currently, Mahoning County has approximately \$12,000 left to spend, which will be used for additional security at the Boardman location. Columbiana County has spent 100% of its budget.

New Business

MOU Addendum

Mahoning County

All signatures for the MOU have been obtained, except for Serrato Corporation, which is the Job Corps operator. Serrato is unable to sign because it is uncertain if they will remain the Jobs Corps operator past June 30, 2023. A decision regarding the Jobs Corps operator will not be made until July. Since Serrato is unable to sign, an addendum has been prepared which indicates that MCTA will cover Job Corps costs until the operator is in place and has signed the MOU.

Motion: To recommend MOU Addendum A, as presented, to the Executive Committee for approval.
Motion made by: Lori Murphy
Seconded by: David Janofa
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

RETAIN Grant Update

At the May RETAIN meeting, it was noted that ODJFS staff have been added to assist with the outreach and the referral process to decrease the non-engagement of participants. Currently, only 3 of 40 referrals have followed through with visiting the OMJ center. At least five attempts are made to contact the participants. Mercy Health is also trying to better inform participants that someone from the OMJ center will be contacting them for additional assistance.

OMJ Center Updates

New computers will be installed in the Mahoning County OMJ center next week. The old computers being removed from the resource room will be transferred to the Oakhill satellite. Traffic has been gradually increasing at the Oakhill location, which can be attributed to referrals from MCDJFS. The Oakhill satellite will remain open only two days a week.

Traffic at the OMJ centers continues to increase. The State requires customers to have an OH|ID account when they register at OhioMeansJobs.com. OH|ID is the single, sign-on website to access all state services. There have been some challenges with customers accessing their OMJ accounts given the number of users registering on OH|ID.

The new Area 17 OMJ website will go live soon. The new URL will be www.omjworkforce.org or www.omjworkforce.com. Since areas are required to use CFIS as the customer tracking tool, customers will no longer create jobseeker accounts on the local OMJ site, and it will be strictly informational.

In Columbiana County, the remaining computers are being replaced in the computer lab.

Ideas for cross-training sessions are still being requested, and sessions can be conducted through Zoom.

The Connection

Partners were asked to share any information that has happened in the last six months with JoAnn Schuler. The next newsletter will be published in July. Partners were also asked to share any upcoming events. Future events will be shared on the OMJ social media pages.

WDB Update

Two-Year Review of Regional and Local Plans

The two-year modification of the regional and local plans for the Ohio East Region (Area 17, Area 6 – Stark and Tuscarawas Counties, and Area 18 – Trumbull County) was submitted and has been accepted by the State.

Public Interest Audit Report

The Auditor of State conducted a public interest audit on the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – Office of Workforce Development programs, which was in response to Ohio employers' struggle to find well-qualified workers after the pandemic. The report resulted in nine recommendations to increase the accessibility of workforce development programs to individuals seeking services in Ohio. Area 17 is one of three areas on a work group with OWD staff that will meet regularly to address each recommendation and offer potential solutions that can be implemented.

WIOA Reauthorization

WIOA is up for reauthorization, however, discussions remain ongoing. Some feel there is value to WIOA but needs to have better alignment in responding to the needs of sector strategies.

OWA Conference

The Ohio Workforce Association, which is comprised of the 20 Ohio WDB Directors, will be hosting a conference in Columbus on September 21-22, 2023. It may be helpful for OMJ partners to participate. Additional details will be shared when they become available.

Meeting Evaluation

Partners were asked to complete the meeting evaluation form provided.

Partner Updates

Columbiana County Career and Technical Center (CCCTC)

CCCTC will be graduating its inaugural police academy class this month. Applications are being accepted for the next class. It is a 9-month course, and graduates will be OPOTA certified.

Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC)

In July, EGCC, in partnership with National Center for Urban Solutions (NCUS), and AmericaMakes, will be offering a free, all-women WorkAdvance program. It will be a three-week boot camp that results in an industry-recognized credential, and participants can interview with MVMC-member companies.

Mahoning County Career and Technical Center (MCCTC)

MCCTC will be hosting a Health and Safety Fair June 14, 2023, 9am-2pm. 60 vendors will be participating and is open to the community.

OMJ – Business Services

Business services representatives are still seeking employers to post jobs. Partners were asked to share their job openings or refer any businesses they know are hiring.

Community Action Agency of Columbiana County

An open house for the new Head Start center in Calcutta will be held on June 28, 2023, 12pm-3pm. It has 10 classrooms and is considered a super center. The center took over 3 years to complete.

CAA is also providing people in East Palestine with food vouchers from Sparkle market. The vouchers are covered by funds that assist residents impacted by the train derailment. The mobile health unit in East Palestine continues to offer health services on Mondays and behavioral health on Wednesdays, however, limited number of people are utilizing the services.

Next Meeting

The next One-Stop Committee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2023.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35am.