

ONE-STOP COMMITTEE REPORT

- The One-Stop Committee last met on June 8, 2023.
- Mahoning County has approximately \$12,000 left to spend of its PY22 budget; the funds will be used for security purposes. Columbiana County has spent 100% of its budget.
- The Committee recommended the PY23/24 Area 17 OMJ Partner MOU Addendum A – Job Corps to the Executive Committee for approval.
- Efforts are being made to improve outreach and engagement under the RETAIN grant project. Mercy Health will inform participants that representatives from the OMJ center will be contacting them to offer additional assistance.
- New computers are being installed in the Mahoning County OMJ resource room. The older computers will be transferred to the Oak Hill satellite.
- Traffic at the OMJ centers and Oak Hill satellite continues to increase, with more visits being made in-person.
- OMJ customers are now required to register with the OH ID system, which is a single, sign-on system to access all State services.
- The new local area 17 OMJ website will be live soon. The new URL will be www.omjworkforce.org.
- The 2-year modification for the East Ohio regional and local plans were accepted by the State.
- A work group comprised of WDB Directors and OWD staff is meeting on a regular basis to review and address the recommendations made by the Auditor of State under the public interest survey for the workforce development system.
- WIOA reauthorization is still pending. Many legislators see value in the current workforce development system, however, would like to see improvements in meeting the needs of sector strategies.
- The Ohio WDB Directors will be hosting a conference September 21-22, 2023. Partners will be invited when details have been finalized.
- The next One-Stop Committee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2023.

WDB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Executive Committee last met on June 15, 2023.
- The Committee accepted the recommendation from the WDB Director to approve the youth contract modification (contract extension) for Utica Shale Academy as presented.
- The Committee accepted the Program Year 2023 Area 17 CCMEP plan as presented.

- For PY23, Area 17 experienced a 16.4% decrease in its WIOA allocations. The State offered Area 17 with additional funds for the current year, which provides the opportunity to increase carry-in funds to offset some of the decrease in next year's funding levels.
- The 1.17.23 WDB meeting attendance summary was reviewed. Efforts are being made to add business members to the Board, and follow-up will continue to be made with members who have low attendance.
- The 1.17.23 WDB meeting evaluation summary was also reviewed. More information was requested for the impact of regional population shifts on the local area, how the electric vehicle supply chain will impact in-demand jobs, and whether a survey has been conducted regarding the current workforce's future intentions.
- The State recently completed a data validation review on PY20 data for Area 17, and the State was very pleased with the results.
- The Single Audit was recently completed for the past year, and there were no findings.
- The Committee accepted the recommendation from the Youth Committee to accept the modification for the youth services contract with Utica Shale Academy as presented. The Committee also accepted the recommendation from the WDB Director to accept the modification for the youth services contract with Compass Family and Community Services as presented, and to nullify the youth contract extension previously approved with Academy for Urban Scholars/National Center for Urban Solutions.
- The Committee accepted the revisions to WDB Program Policy and WDB Program Policy 3 as presented.
- The Committee accepted the recommendation from the One-Stop Committee to accept the OMJ Partner MOU Addendum A as presented.
- MCTA staff attended a regional training for ARIES in Canton, and many updates were provided. Some reports are expected to become accessible again.
- Since information in ARIES continues to be inaccurate, a memo was issued indicating that findings observed during PY22 state monitoring reviews will not require continuous improvement plans.
- The total amount of WIOA funds available for PY23 is approximately \$5.5 million. This includes carry-in and the WIOA allocations for PY23. The TANF allocation will be issued October 1st; the anticipated amount is \$3 million.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2023.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Youth Committee last met on June 1, 2023.
- The State recently issued quarterly performance reports, and Area 17's performance is anticipated to be good, considering the issues experienced with ARIES. Information is entered into ARIES by one person to ensure accuracy, and the information is verified monthly. The State ARIES team recently visited the area to learn more about the issues being experienced with ARIES and CFIS.
- Since July 1, 2022, 819 referrals have been made to CCMEP. Currently, there are 350 active participants in the program. The number of participants has increased for most services compared to the previous year.

- The Committee approved recommending the proposed contract modification for Utica Shale Academy to the Executive Committee for approval.
- In Mahoning County, staff continue to focus on building relationships with the schools and reaching out to graduating seniors. In Columbiana County, 40 in-school youth will be graduating.
- The next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2023.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Individuals with Disabilities Committee last met on April 26, 2023.
- Shirley Bowald from CCBDD and Kitty Kromer from CCESC presented information about the Pathways to Careers grant project. The purpose of the grant is to ensure individuals with disabilities have more opportunities to enroll in industry-recognized programs and apprenticeships. The primary focus now is recruitment of participants for the program. The target population is high school seniors and recent graduates with disabilities in the tri-county area.
- Currently, 31 individuals are being served under the Fresh Start grant. The goal is to serve 84, and Area 17 is on target to meet that goal.
- OOD is expecting a large increase in funding from the State, which will be used to expand many of its credentialing programs. More staff will be hired to serve an additional 6,000 participants per year.
- In April, OOD hosted its first in-person hiring event in Youngstown since before the pandemic. Efforts will be made to collaborate more with the OMJ centers for future events.
- The next Individuals with Disabilities Committee meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2023.