

LORAIN COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
November 29, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Jacqueline Boehnlein	Tim King	Kevin Stitak
Jim Cordes	William Moore (proxy)	Barbara Tamas
Frank DeTillio	Kevin Nelson	Marc Zappa
Larry Kerr	John Roberts	

Members Absent

Marcia Ballinger	Dave Larson	Homer Virden
Jeffery Bommer	Nick Ross	
Sandra Burtscher	David Updegraff	

Staff Present

Mike Longo	Linda Masterson	Mary Murphy
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Guests

None

Call to Order Frank DeTillio called meeting to order 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Linda Masterson indicated that a quorum did exist.

Approval of Minutes

Frank asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 30, 2018 meeting. A motion was made by Jim Cordes and seconded by Tim King. The motion passed.

WDB Chairperson Report

GEWB Update

Board members were provided with the materials from the Governors Executive Workforce Board meeting that took place in September. Frank referred to the following areas;

- The 2018 Annual Report from the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation
- Workforce 2.0 Strategy for 2018 and Beyond report, highlighting factors, including;
 - Ohio's aging population that supports by 2030 it is projected that 81 of Ohio's 88 counties will have the population of those who are 60 years old or older being at 25% or more of the total population

- A stagnant population growth that is contributing to a shortage of skilled workers

One-Stop Operator Procurement

Frank advised the board of the availability to go through the competitive procurement process to consider the One-Stop Operator for the OhioMeansJobs center. The board was reminded that the One-Stop Operator is responsible for coordinating the activities and services provided by the partners. Frank advised that he will work with Mary to get the opportunity advertised and he will be involved in the review process to make a recommendation to the board at the February meeting.

Frank asked for a motion to approve moving forward with the competitive procurement of the One-Stop Operator. A motion was made by Jackie Boehnlein and seconded by Kevin Stitak. The motion passed.

OhioMeansJobs Update

Supportive Service Policy

Mike shared the updates that were put together in the draft policy since the last board meeting, including the spreadsheet that was included in the packets highlighting the categories and caps that are currently being used by the other workforce areas in our region. The members discussed items in the draft policy and agreed to move forward with the following changes being incorporated;

- Automobile repairs to be capped at \$1000.00 and will require repairs to fall below 50% of the vehicle value based on Kelley Blue Book. The value will be determined using the private party value based on current mileage, condition and features of the vehicle.
- Change in language in the Exception clause that will require any exceptions to the caps require the Workforce Development Director to consult with the Chair of the Board for consideration.

Mike was asked to provide a revised version of the spreadsheet for the next meeting to include the caps for our workforce area.

Frank asked for a motion to approve the Supportive Service policy with the noted changes. A motion was made by Jim Cordes and seconded by Jackie Boehnlein. The motion passed.

Work Ready Lorain County Update

Mike provided a copy of the current statistics supporting that we have achieved 77% of the goals that have been established to maintain our status of being an ACT Certified Work Ready Community. Mike added that we have two (2) years from the point we became certified (August 2018) to achieve the new goals that include:

- Continuing to assess individuals in the 3 categories (current, transitioning and emerging workforce) – which we have already met the goals for current and transitioning.
- Getting new employers and/or having employers that already supported our initiative to re-pledge their support

- Improving certificate levels for those who earned a National Career Readiness Certificate over the past 12 months. This goal includes having 151 individuals improve their certificate level and we have already seen 59 individuals increase their levels.

Program Year 17 Annual Performance

Mike provided the Board with a copy of the Annual Performance Report for Program Year 17 and referenced that of those categories that we are currently being held accountable to that we have exceeded the goal in four (4) of the areas and met the goal for the last category. Mike also explained that we are significantly above the statewide rate for the other categories, other than the Measurable Skills Gains for WIOA Youth where we are close to the statewide rate, that are being collected to establish baseline data that will eventually be used in future program years.

Monthly Statistical Reports

Members were provided with current reports in binders. Mike highlighted that while unemployment rates continue to drop that we have seen a decline in the number of individuals who are attending our orientation sessions. Mike also shared that while the unemployment rate is where it is that we continue to receive monthly reports that support that there are approximately 140 individuals on average who are exhausting their unemployment each month. These individuals are included in those who we send outreach to trying to get them connected to our services.

Additional discussion occurred about how we get a better understanding of the true unemployment rate of our community since those looking for work are not included in this factor.

Partner Updates

No updates

Public Comments

No public comments

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting.