

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

One-Stop Committee Meeting

June 13, 2024

8:00 am

Dutch Haus Restaurant

**Attendees:** Tom Andrews, Cyndy Bresnahan, Kathleen Clarke, Kelly Darney, John Dilling, Lynn Esposito, James Ford, Bryan Higgins, Lindsay Hildreth, Jack Hile, David Janofa, Mary Ann Kochalko, Mary Mihalopoulos, Christina Miller, Lori Murphy, Joe Paloski, Carol Ramsay-Loomis, Robert Ritchey, Logan Seabrook, Sharlene Senediak, Jeremy Simpson, Puella Stoddard, Brianna Sullivan, Susie Wickline, and Tammy Wolfe.

**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:	Tom Andrews
Seconded by:	James Ford
Discussion:	None
Motion approved.	

**Old Business**

**Budget to Actual Report**

The PY23 income statements for Area 17 OhioMeansJobs centers were provided, and both counties remain on track to spend 100% of their budgets by June 30, 2024. Currently, Mahoning County has approximately \$9,000 left to spend; Columbiana County has \$4,800 left to spend. Mahoning County will use its remaining funds to purchase new chairs, office supplies, and to repair a minor plumbing issue; Columbiana County funds will be used to deep clean the center.

**New Business**

**MOU Addendum**

An MOU addendum was presented to address the removal of Eastern Gateway Community College as a partner in both counties, effective June 30, 2024. The PY24 budget was adjusted to ensure there would be no additional costs to the remaining MOU partners.

Motion:	To recommend Addendum E to the Executive Committee for approval.
Motion made by:	Tom Andrews
Seconded by:	James Ford
Discussion:	None
Motion approved.	

**PY24 MOU County Budgets**

Revised PY24 MOU budgets were emailed individually to partners earlier in the week, with most of the line items experiencing a decrease. The Executive Committee approved the recommendation made by this Committee at the March meeting to reduce the budget by \$18,568.64. The reductions were made under janitorial maintenance, computers, computer maintenance, general office supplies, due and subscriptions, postage, telephone, and incidental operating. Knowing that Eastern Gateway Community College would be withdrawing as a partner, further budget reductions were presented to the Executive Committee for approval. In

Mahoning County, computers were reduced by \$2,000 and meeting expenses were reduced by \$800. In Columbiana County, janitorial maintenance was reduced by \$2,000, repairs and maintenance was reduced by \$1,000, and meeting expenses were reduced by \$800. Given the reduction in meeting expenses, future Committee meetings will be held at the OMJ centers to accommodate the budget. The next meeting will be held at the OMJ center in Mahoning County, and meetings will begin later at 8:30am to allow for additional travel time. Appreciation was extended for adjusting the budgets to prevent additional costs to partners.

## **Operators Report**

MCDJFS has contracted with MCTA to conduct the TANF Youth Summer Program. Orientations for participants were held last Thursday and Friday, and they began working Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 335 participants have been placed at approximately 48 worksites throughout Mahoning County.

MCTA received \$184,500 for its initial Justice Involved Individual (JII) Grant. The grant project manager at ODJFS was very impressed with what was accomplished, which helped secure a second special grant \$450,000.

The second JII Grant, known as the New Start – JII Grant, will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>. 55 individuals who have been involved in the justice system are expected to be served under this grant. In addition to classroom training and OJTs, work experience can also be offered under the grant. Referrals are being accepted from partners for this grant, and customers can be eligible as an adult, dislocated worker, or youth. Customers must also be a resident of Mahoning or Columbiana County.

## **OMJ Center Updates**

### *Mahoning County*

Efforts are being made to recruit new agencies that may be interested in OMJ partnership.

The OMJ center is serving as a worksite for the TANF Youth Summer program in Mahoning County. One participant has been placed at the center, and she is doing well.

OMJ Mahoning County was a vendor at the Hope Conference. 75 individuals were provided information about the services available at the center.

### *Columbiana County*

Efforts to recruit additional partners are also taking place in Columbiana County. A handout explaining the benefits of partnership has been updated to inform agencies about the benefits of OMJ partnership. Testimonies from current partners are also being collected, and partners may be asked to serve as ambassadors. Feedback for the handout was requested by the end of the week, and the information will be posted beginning the OMJ website on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **WDB Update**

### *WIOA Reauthorization*

WIOA remains an unauthorized appropriation and has only been renewed as a continuing resolution through the federal budget process over the past four years. The House of Representatives proposed legislation which was passed as a bipartisan bill. It has moved to the Senate for consideration, but no action has been taken. The Senate is looking at developing its own bill. At this point, WIOA will most likely not be reauthorized until next year.

### *PY24 WIOA Allocations*

For PY24, Area 17 is flat-funded and received \$3.2 million in WIOA allocations.

### *Office of Unemployment Insurance Operations (OUIO)*

Over the past few months, the OMJ center in Mahoning County has participated in a pilot program with the State's OUIO to help improve unemployment service delivery locally. The program has been very successful; among the 156 customers who were scheduled to see the adjudicator, 147 showed up for their appointments. Although some did not have their issues resolved, all individuals were pleased they were able to

speak to someone. ODJFS Director Damschroder sees the value in the service and will most likely extend the program in Mahoning County.

### **Meeting Evaluation**

Partners were asked to complete the meeting evaluation form provided.

### **Partner Updates**

#### *The Counseling Center of Columbiana County*

Worksites are needed in Mahoning County. Partners were asked to share any places in Mahoning County that may want to become one.

#### *Goodwill Industries of Youngstown*

Amblyopia screenings were completed for children ages 3-5 in Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties. 1,993 children were screened, and 173 were referred to an eye care specialist for eyeglasses or treatment for amblyopia.

Assistance is being provided to the residents displaced from the International Towers. A truck is there today to help move people out to Park Vista.

An application was submitted to Clean Tech Accelerator through Goodwill International to be an EVSC trainer. News about Goodwill Youngstown making it through the initial round should be available Monday. If so, letters of support will be needed. \$160,000 would be awarded, and the training center would be located at the Liberty location.

#### *MCCTC*

MCCTC received an Appalachian Community Innovation Grant to build a medical and wellness center on campus. It will be open to the community and help serve the youth. The goal is to have a Quick Care onsite for physicals, educational training programs for K-12, as well as adult programs. Appreciation was extended to the partners for their support. Opening date is expected in 2026.

#### *CAA of Columbiana County*

The sixth federally qualified health center just opened in Salem. It offers primary care, women's services, and just added behavioral health medication management. A pharmacy has also been added to the Lisbon health center. A pharmacy is also available through the East Liverpool hospital, and as the centers grow, a pharmacy is intended for the Salem location. The health centers accept most insurances, and if someone does not have insurance, they will not be turned away – a sliding fee schedule is available. Eight counties are served in Ohio, other than Columbiana County, as well as people in West Virginia.

#### *Next Meeting*

The next One-Stop Committee meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2024, 8:30am, at the OMJ center Mahoning County.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35am.