

Committee Reports

One-Stop Committee Meeting

June 8, 2022

Outreach

During the March 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023 period, staff made 27 outreach efforts that included presentations attended by over 1,500 individuals as well as placement of materials promoting OhioMeansJobs Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, Mahoning & Columbiana Training Association, and the Business Resource Network in the Business Journal. Social media is now being used to outreach to all platforms, WIOA/DW/Youth/Business Services.

BAC Mahoning County: Career Pathway Students Email/Phone: job seekers Help Network: Community Resources Citizens' Circle: adjudicated adults Falcon Flex: Staff and H.S. students East Palestine OMJ Meeting: State of Ohio and MCTA Administration NCST Job Fair: potential students Mah. Valley Partners Hub: health workers Steering Clear: ind. Needing DL reinstatement Youngstown Works Hiring Event: Adults/H.S. seniors Choffin: H.S. seniors PIA Orientation: incoming students Beatitude/Ursuline Sisters: scholars program staff Instagram – general public Facebook: general public	Business Journal: general public MCCTC: Campus tour for prospective students Help Me Grow: staff OCCHA: Low-income adults Wilson Alternative: Staff and H.S. seniors Austintown Fitch: Staff and H.S. seniors United Way: Low-income adults Meet the Experts panel/Workforce: Gen. public KSU Salem: general public East H.S.: H.S. soph/Jr/Sr classes YPD Info session: those interested in PD careers Hope Conference: DW and those with barriers Utica Shale: H.S. graduates, parents, and staff VIP Teams Meeting: inmates due to be released YouScience: H.S. Seniors and Staff
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Cross Trainings

Columbiana County:

3/3/2023 - CCBDD Pathways to Careers and PACT Program

3/9/2023 - OMJ, MCTA to HMG staff

3/22/2023 - How Simple Can Accessibility Be at Work?

4/20/2023 - Artificial Intelligence in Hiring and Employment

5/18/2023 - Retaining a Qualified Workforce Part I – Aging into a Disability

5/18/2023 - Virtual Retaining a Qualified Workforce - Part I: Aging into a Disability

Service Delivery

Columbiana County: Service Delivery Meetings were held in March and May.

Leigh Samargia-Pflug, MCTA's Program Services Manager, reported that this is the last month of the MCTA program year. They are closing out the old year and getting ready for the new year to begin. CCMEP is still looking for out of school referrals. Graduates who do not have a clear path forward could be good candidates for CCMEP. They have been having email issues lately, so if you have sent an email and did not get a response, reach out again.

Chris McLaughlin, Business Service Representative, reported that they are still in need of 25 job orders by the end of June. They also have been very busy with OJT's. A job recruitment for several positions needing to be filled at the Columbiana County Jail will take place on June 6th from 1:00 – 2:30.

Amy Engle from ODJFS shared no news with Wagner Peyser. The state will soon be implementing a new pilot program where kiosks will be placed in various OMJ centers. This program is designed to help with unemployment issues for clients with limited English proficiency, but any unemployment claimants can be served. This setup will also make it much easier to contact state staff who might be able to help with unemployment issues.

Dave Oesch, ODJFS Vet representative had no new updates but reported that he just returned from training at Salt Fork. They reviewed their programs and vet programs. He also reported that one veteran service officer was let go, but there were two service officers and one clerk hired. He also reported that the county veteran's service office was very busy because of the PACT Act.

Megan Cowden, CCDJFS could not attend but she shared updates with Jack. They are currently enrolling for the summer youth program. They are looking for youth aged 14-18 who will be able to work 30-40 hours per week making \$13.00 per hour. Referrals can be made to Logan at 330-420-6540.

Jennifer Strank from OOD reported that there were no updates but that they are very busy. The summer youth program is in full swing. They are receiving a great number of referrals. There are two youth counselors whose caseloads are full, and the general counselors are getting the overflow. They are in overtime status until the end of June. Referrals are coming from the Mahoning County drug court with whom they have a contract. There is a counselor embedded in the Mahoning County Drug Court, but her caseload is overflowing, and the general counselors are getting some of their cases also. Colleges and training centers also send referrals. Jennifer also reported that Christine has just taken a position with College to Careers, and she will have a caseload of college students with disabilities who are attending Kent State University. There is also a counselor at YSU who deals only with this same group of students. For the time being, Jennifer will be the only counselor present at the OMJ center.

Shana Lawrence from CAA reported that the CAA Health Center will be sponsoring a program called Socializing in the Sun. It will be held every Thursday at Thompson Park in East Liverpool. It will run from 1:00 – 2:30 beginning June 1st and extending through August. Free food will be offered.

CAA will be in East Palestine on June 10th for the Road to Recover 5K run. They will be distributing \$25 vouchers that can only be used at the Sparkle market in East Palestine. These vouchers are available to any resident of Columbiana County that provides a name and address. On June 27th a new women's health center will be opening in Salem. Head Start will have an open house at their newly renovated facility on St. Claire Ave. It will be held on June 28th from 12:00 to 3:00. Food and refreshments will be offered along with a tour of the facility. This past Monday, CARTS just launched a new micro transit service that will run in select areas. It is an on-demand service that will be similar to Uber or a taxicab.

Fees will be \$4.00 each way unless they qualify for the reduced price, which will then be \$2.00 each way. This will hopefully alleviate some of the congestion on the CARTS buses. Shana reported that she is visiting to as many businesses as possible to get information out regarding mobility management. The targeted areas have been Salem, Lisbon and Columbiana County. She recently traveled to Logan, Ohio and received her instructor certificate for Passenger Assistance Training. She can now provide services to the transportation drivers that she works with. Next month she will be traveling to Columbus for an ODOT round table meeting to discuss all transportation issues.

Jack Hile, OMJ site manager shared updates about One Flow/CFIS. The new website that they have been working on with Empyra is due to become active on July 1st. OneFlow will no longer be available. This website will take its place. It is strictly an informational website and will be listed as omjworkforce.org or omjworkforce.com. It will be linked to all social media and will be able to be accessed from all devices. No accounts will be needed for clients or staff. Jack reported that he has been down at the East Palestine library twice a week since the train derailment occurred. That will now come to an end until further notice.

Next Meeting July 28, 2023 at 10:30 am

Mahoning County: Service Delivery Meetings were held in March, April, and May. It was shared that CCMEP is developing an orientation video and that this is the time of year for community service projects and work experience opportunities for the youth. The program can offer paid work experience, up to \$13.00 per hour, for those willing to participate. Therefore, if there are any businesses interested in mentoring, or able to provide an opportunity to help, please let us know. They are still outreaching to youth at local schools and are currently looking for seniors who are graduating, but who do not have a clear plan moving forward. Please send referrals.

OMJ Manager reported that they are still working with Empyra in updating the new OhioMeansJobs website. They are working on the final pages and beginning to add content. They are still hoping to meet their deadline of July 1st. It was also reported that the OH|ID login is now required to be able to access the OhioMeansJobs.com website. Mahoning County began piloting a new electronic customer survey that is located on all their resource room and computer lab computers. Customers are directed to complete this survey after each workshop and are made aware of it when working with staff in the resource room. Paper surveys are still available to those that would prefer to complete them by hand.

Business Services provided a list of all job postings and reported dates of community job fairs and a recruitment with Dollar General at the OhioMeansJobs center.

ASPIRE reported that they will be offering SERV Safe classes online for the ESOL community. This class will offer background information in restaurant work, and it will also integrate reading. This will help some clients acquire job skills in the restaurant field that could possibly lead to securing a job.

MCCTC reported that they will be holding a Health and Safety Fair on June 14th from 9-2. They are planning to have hands on activities for adults and children and touring of the fire training center. Employers and health care providers will also be present.

Goodwill reported that they were seeking customer service supervisors for the Austintown and Warren stores. They are also looking for lawn care team members to do seasonal work. It was also reported that the Niles store opened in March, and an official ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 24th.

Flying High reported that they were working on a job fair with Ultium at their Youngstown location. Thirty-seven applicants came to the Ultium job fair at their Warren location in March. Flying High was also hiring case managers and a welcome center manager. Degrees are preferred, but not necessary.

Academy of Urban Scholars announced that they are always offering programs such as STNA or Google IT for those 16 and over. They hosted a Financial Literacy Community Event on March 29th. They focused on teaching basic financial skills. It was geared for the younger crowd, but all age groups were welcome. They also announced that they were going to be having an advanced manufacturing cohort. It will run for three weeks. There will be an incentive for attending and they will also be assisting in job placement upon completion of the course.

The ESC of Eastern Ohio reported that the ESC is your gateway into the schools. If you have any programs, job openings, job shadowing or interest in mentoring, please let Sandy Furano know and she will get you on the Business Advisory Council committee. They have also recently received a driver's education grant which will hopefully help students who are on free and reduced lunches to help pay for driver's education and acquiring their driver's license when they turn 16 instead of waiting until they are 18. This will hopefully afford them more options for training and employment at an earlier age.

Vantage reported that they are recruiting and accepting applications Monday through Friday from 9-1, for those 55 and over who are unemployed.

Job Corp announced that they are still conducting tours at their Cleveland site every Wednesday at 10am. Youth between the ages of 16 and 24 can receive their diploma and be trained in one of the various trade fields that are available. This is a free program with free education and free room and board. They cannot have any pending court cases, probation or parole issues, and no fines over \$500. There are also financial guidelines. Homeless and veterans in this age group are also welcome.

YMHA reported that they are still seeking participants for their family self-sufficiency program. They also got to take some participants to tour the YSU Excellence Training Center and one of them was able to register for the STNA program.

Youngstown Public Library reported that they are seeking librarians and clerks. They also have a new database which is Consumerreports.org. It is the digital subscription for Consumer Reports and is available to all patrons. The pandemic has created some challenges for the library, so they are trying to find ways to improve connections. Library tours are always available.

Choffin reported that they have licensed practical nursing, surgical tech and dental assistant participants which might be a good fit for employers looking to fill these positions. Choffin is ranked as one of the top programs for surgical techs. The high school side of Choffin offers 16 programs which are divided into 4 categories. These are: Skilled Trades, Medical, Business Entrepreneurship and Arts & Technology. They are always looking for employers who want to take on workers for learning experience and then possibly offering employment after graduation.

Compass reported that their CARF survey went very well, and they obtained another three-year accreditation. Walk-in orientations are held every Thursday from 10:30 to 12:00 for clients looking for vocational rehabilitation or workforce development programs. Compass also received a grant funding through OMHAS to expand their supportive employment program and reach out to more consumers who have substance abuse or mental health disorders. They are also outreaching to agencies and sober

living homes to get the message of their services to the community and are always willing to come to any agency to inform them about these available services.

Next meeting June 16 at 8:30 AM.

Business Services

From March 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023 there were 105 staff-assisted job orders.
There were 4 recruitments on-site.