

Committee Reports

One-Stop Committee Meeting

September 12, 2024

Outreach

During the June 1, 2024, to August 31, 2024, period, staff made 11 outreach efforts that included presentations attended by 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, as well as the New Start JII special grant project. Social media continues to be used to outreach to all platforms, WIOA/DW/Youth/Business Services.

Email/Phone: Job seekers Help Network: Community Resources Indeed: General public Instagram: General public Facebook: General public OCCHA Job Bari: Businesses and individuals Choffin Services Fair: Adult students	Financial Empowerment: General public attendees Steering Clear Clinic: Individuals needing license reinstated Close the Gap: Wellness fair attendees Fleming House: Women in treatment YMHA Family Strong Day: Rockford Village Community Hope Fest: Church members and public
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Cross Trainings

Columbiana County:

7/26/2024 Justice Involved Individuals
8/7/2024 OMJ Columbiana County
8/9/2024 What is MVMC
8/9/2024 MVMC WorkAdvance
8/9/2024 MVMC Apprenticeships

Mahoning County:

6/28/2024 OCCHA Services offered
7/31/2024 Youngstown Library/Job Interview Etiquette
7/26/2024 Justice Involved Individuals
8/22/2024 GoodWill

Service Delivery

Columbiana County: Service Delivery Meeting was held July 2024

Member Updates

MCTA – Chris McLaughlin, Columbiana County BSR (Business Service Representatives) reported he attended the updated training on the Justice Involved Individual Grant that started on July 1, 2024. The grant assists persons involved with the justice system. Jack Hile, OMJ Manager Added that MCTA held a recent training on the New Start JII Grant that was well attended. Laura Gatrell, the MCTA Program Coordinator with Mahoning County, provided the training. The first round for the JII Grant was in March of 2024 and all that money was spent. In this second round for the New Start JII Grant MCTA will receive \$450,000, hoping to serve 50 or more individuals between Mahoning and Columbiana County. WIOA eligibility applies, and individuals must be within those 2 counties only. If you have any questions Jack has a link to watch information. He also has Laura Gatrell's contact information on any questions on the New Start JII Grant.

ODJFS – Lindsay Hildreth had no updates but reported that Mahoning County had 3 Wagner Peyser staff, and they are now down to 2 staff. Margaret Savko moved over to Unemployment side of the house. The State has no plans to replace Margaret's position as this time. Lynn Ruhlman is the newest Employment Professional in Mahoning County and will present the workshops that Margaret delivered. Amy Biggs, the Employment Professional in Columbiana County for last quarter and the month of July captured 24 customers in her case load as returned to work. Amy currently has 42 active case load persons that she is helping to find work.

CCDJFS – Logan Seabrook reported no updates but responded to Jack's inquiry about the Shoe Vouchers. Logan reported that CCDJFS will be accepting applications for Shoe Vouchers until 10/31/2024 or until they run out. There are about 200 to 300 pending applications so it is just a matter of when those applications are processed.

ASPIRE –Jerme Miller provided information via email that the former EGCC Aspire grant ended June 30,2024 and we have officially transitioned to our new fiscal agency, which is Jefferson County Education Service Center (JCESC). The new name for our program is Eastern Ohio Aspire. We are still offering all the adult education service pieces for 6 eastern Ohio counties. These are Jefferson, Columbiana, Mahoning, Carroll, Harrison, and Belmont County. We are providing both in seat and remote/distance learning opportunities for Adult Basic Education, IET (integrated education and training) and ESOL. We are serving correctional education in both EOCC facilities, CCA in Youngstown and the Mahoning Jail.

- New for Columbiana County we are moving our site from Broadway Professional Building to the New Castle School of Trades allowing us an opportunity to offer both day and evening classes and Workplace Literacy and an OSHA 10 IET at the

NCSOT campus in East Liverpool. We will be fully moved within a few weeks and day/evening classes will begin there in early August.

- We also have classrooms still at OMJ and Salem Memorial. We will start offering ESOL classes in addition to ABE in the Salem site later in the FY.
- Lastly, we renewed our partnership with EOCC, and we have started a WPL (workplace literacy and ServSafe Food Handlers with Rise Up customer service IET) in the evenings at EOCC in Wintersville. The female facility will be getting the same courses in August/September. The EOCC hopes to grow our student base from those seeking an HSE to those looking to remediate skills and offering workplace readiness for participants ready for reentry.
- We have a new program email aspire@icesc.org and soon we should have a new registration link to provide referrals for our Aspire program.

CCESC – John Drilling could not attend, but Jack Hile read email from John regarding ESCs updates:

We are running our Summer Manufacturing Camp that week for students, Friday is the last day and our Celebration of Learning.

Some Items that I would like to share:

- Summer Manufacturing Camp for Students is July 22nd through July 26...We are running a Teacher Bootcamp during the same time period. Students will be visiting Compco; Ventra; CTM Labeling; and Humtown Boardman. Teachers will tour all these sites plus Hickey Metals on Friday.
- Kids STEAM University is planned for September 7th 9:30-2:00 pm. We would love to have any participants!
- Drive to Succeed---We have a grant to help economically challenged students 15-18 receive their Driver's License...Grant will pay for all the costs of obtaining their license.
- Columbiana County BAC was a 3-star BAC this year
- Next BAC Meeting will be at the Government Services building in the Community Room...OSU Extension will be the hosts.

CAA – Jason from CAA will be setting up at the Lisbon Fair next week. They will be there Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. CARTS is still working on getting their Uber-like service going county wide. They had a couple of meetings with the company providing the software to finalize the zones of service. Seeming like the new service will not be a true county wide, but will service in-town to Salem, Columbiana, East Liverpool, Lisbon, and East Palestine. Lisbon and East Palestine will have limited service. They are talking about getting Shopper Shuttles for some areas like EP to get people to East Liverpool and Salem for grocery shopping.

Mahoning County: Service Delivery Meetings were held in June, July and August.

Partner Updates:

Robert Mitchell-Goodwill-June: Goodwill Industries International did not approve them for the clean technology program. Many Goodwills applied. Currently, a community assessment is being conducted to see what the needs of the community might be. Goodwill has been helping residents who were displaced from the International Towers due to the gas explosion. Free Scrapper tickets are available for those interested. Next week, aspiring minds will be given a tour of Goodwill. Goodwill is always looking for new employees. **July:** Goodwill is always hiring. They will attend a job fair at CCA on July 23rd and will host a community needs assessment along with their cross-training on August 9th. They are encouraging partner input at the cross training. **August:** Goodwill is always hiring. They are also looking to conduct focus groups for community assessments. They will be attending YMHA's Family Strong event on August 23rd at Rockford Village.

David Janofa-YSU-June: Forty school district visits have been established to the STEM college. This has been done to try and develop the workforce development connection. Some of the workforce pieces have gone into the Honors College and the STEM college and it is believed that this will create tremendous advantages. The second cohort of graduates from Northeast Correctional Facility has just been completed. Programming was offered to inmates and nineteen individuals have gone through graduation. Two individuals with Ashland University and YSU have completed their associate's degree while still incarcerated. Because of the success of this program, it is believed that once reentry occurs, former inmates can be a significant help to local industries who are dealing with employee shortages.

Maxie Wirtz-MCCTC-June: They are currently enrolling for Fall. Groundbreaking will occur from the benefit of an \$11.4 million Career Tech Expansion Grant. Expansion from this grant will take place in classroom space, programming, cyber security, electricity, welding, robotics, manufacturing and automation. They have also been awarded the \$5 million Appalachian Community Innovation Centers Grant. This grant will be used to build a 1200 square foot community medical facility. Medical training will be offered along with health services for the community in general. **August:** Fall classes in Medical Assisting, Medical Office and Welding will begin on September 3rd. It is still possible to enroll for this term. Building expansion and career tech expansion is occurring.

Kim Haley-ASPIRE-June: The state has awarded the ASPIRE program two fiscal agents. They are the Jefferson County Educational Service Center and the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center. There are several details that still need to be worked out.

The ASPIRE graduation at Mahoning County Career and Technical Center will take place on June 27. There are 35 graduates. Nineteen of these graduates are from CCA. Some of the CCA graduates will be able to attend the ceremony.

McKayla Rockwell & Autumn Judge-NCUS Tec-June: They are looking for candidates for the 5G readiness training and partnership with YSU. The 3-week class is free, and partnerships have already been created with employers who will be willing to hire candidates who complete the program successfully. Fall enrollment is in full swing. Classes that are available are: Advanced Manufacturing (FANUC & SACA), Google IT, STNA, Amazon Web Services and CompTIA A+. Scholarships are also available. NCUS will be participating in Juneteenth activities this weekend and will also be present at the Poland Walmart Safety Day on June 29th. **July:** Fall enrollment is in full swing. Classes that are available are: Advanced Manufacturing (FANUC & SACA), Google IT, STNA, and Amazon Web Services. A CompTIA A+ evening class for IT professionals will also be offered. One of their partners, The African American Male Wellness Agency will be hosting a Black Men's Wellness Day on August 3rd at the Youngstown Amphitheater. It is open to all men. Bloodwork will be drawn from 7 AM to 9 AM (fasting required). The event is scheduled to last until 5 PM. **August:** The African American Male Wellness Walk was held on August 3rd and around 150 men were screened. AUS began their high school classes this week with good enrollment. A new director is in place and is doing an amazing job. They are still accepting new scholars for the high school program, 22 plus and NCUS Tec. On the work force side, they are still doing the Advanced Manufacturing program with the Mahoning Valley Coalition at YSU along with the 5G Training Readiness program being held there as well. The next cohort for the 5G program will begin on September 3rd and run for four weeks. More cohorts are due to be offered about every four weeks through April.

Danielle Sidor-Flying High-June: On June 18th, the Professional Development Center Graduation was held with 39 students graduating. Dee Crawford was the keynote speaker, who also received the Eagle Award. They also had graduates from their first carpentry class. The class made picnic tables and one of them will be auctioned off. Proceeds will be put toward a scholarship for next year's carpentry class.

Judy Jones-Youngstown Public Library-June: The library is currently looking for a children's librarian. They have lifted the requirements for a master's degree. Bachelor's degree applicants that have experience with children will be considered. **August:** The Austintown Library will host a mock interview program on September 21st from 2:00-3:00. It will be open to 10 registrants. Additional mock interview programs may be scheduled for October and December. Further dates will be shared. Registration can be made by calling the library or by going to the library website under program listing. Program flyers are also available at each library.

Melissa Alfano-MCTA-June: The CCMEP (Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program) program is still looking for referrals of youth graduating now or in 2025. **July:** The CCMEP program is still looking for referrals of youth graduating now or in 2025. Melissa is also

seeking informational handouts when partners have events so that these can be shared with CCMEP clients. **August:** The CCMEP program is still looking for referrals for youth 24 and under. There are many opportunities for assistance for this age group. Currently, the adult side is in priority and there is a wait list. It is still a good idea to apply, because clients are served in order from the wait list. The JII grant is available to those eligible.

Mark Rheins-Academy for Urban Scholars-June: One hundred fifty high school and adult education students participated in their graduation ceremony. On a sad note, one week after graduation, one of the graduates passed away from gun violence. Emphasis is currently being placed on workforce and education with a focus on additional options to help achieve long-term success. A job fair was scheduled in May in downtown Youngstown but had to be cancelled because of the explosion that occurred there. It will be rescheduled for October. **July:** Mark reported that they are preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. A College and Career Fair is scheduled for October 9th. The location has yet to be determined.

Funmi Olarewaju-YMHA-July: YMHA has been hosting a summer feeding program and the library mobile unit at their family sites. These programs are designed to help families with food and activities during the summer months when children are not in school. This program has been working well and has been a good way to recruit for their Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program that is available. **August:** The Summer Youth Program was successful. On August 23rd, they will be holding a Family Strong event at Rockford Village. Second Harvest will be providing food to give away. An informational Senior Fest will be held on September 6th for YMHA senior residents. Recruitment is being done for the Family Sufficiency Program because numbers were low.

Hayden Martin/Cameron Bonds-Eastern Ohio ASPIRE-August: The new fiscal agent for Eastern Ohio ASPIRE is Jefferson County Educational Service Center. Classes are now being held at the OhioMeansJobs office in Boardman on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00-4:00. Clients will soon be able to make appointments for classes at the OhioMeansJobs office on Oak Hill. They have also partnered with Flying High and hold classes there Monday-Thursday from 11:30-2:30.

New Business

June

- **New Start Justice Involved Individual Grant-**The JII grant covers a wide range and is available for youth or adults who are WIOA eligible and have been court involved, incarcerated, or receiving involvement in the court. Earlier this year, \$850,00 was awarded and 25 individuals were served. Beginning July 1st, another \$450,000 has been allocated to serve 55 more. This program still includes individual training accounts for classroom training and on the job training for local businesses. The business service team of Cyndy and Chris have also been included to help market these individuals.
- **Benefit of Partnership - The Benefit of Partnership document given to those interested in partnering with the One Stop system is being updated.** Once this is completed, it will

be posted on the website. Currently, partner testimony is being requested from any partners who have benefited from the connection with any of the other partners present. This is a way to share with others interested in possibly partnering. If anyone is willing to share, send the information to Carol.

July

- **ASPIRE-** Jefferson County Educational Service Center has now taken over the OMJ ASPIRE program. Their new hours will be from 12:00 to 4:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- **R.E.A.C.H. (Re-Employment Assistance and Career Help) & RESEA (Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment)**

The RESEA program is a federally funded program that provides reemployment assistance to job seekers who are receiving unemployment benefits. You must be chosen to participate and completing all assigned tasks is mandatory. A new study currently being conducted by The Ohio State University will add another layer of assistance to certain groups of job seekers. The study will involve three groups. Group A will receive the traditional RESEA program. Group B will be given the traditional program plus more information in a workshop. Group C will be notified they are chosen, then given another correspondence saying they do not have to complete any activities. This study will run for 18 months to 2 years.

- **New Department of Public Service Law Enforcement Page-** OMJ.com now has a new landing page on their website that makes it easier for Law Enforcement agencies to hire, and for seekers to find agencies that are hiring.
- **New signs installed-** Signs with the new branding logo have been installed at the OMJ office. Any partners who have documents with the old logo can contact Carol to replace these with ones with the new logo.

August

- **Virtual Services-** Attempts are being made to try to offer virtual services to our clients. If any partners offer any type of virtual services, please contact Carol so that she can work with Jack in Columbiana County in getting a list of those services put together.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 20th.

Business Services

From June 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024, there were 162 staff-assisted job orders. There were 3 recruitments on-site.