

# **Committee Reports**

## **One-Stop Committee Meeting**

### **March 13, 2025**

#### **Outreach**

During the December 1, 2024, to February 28, 2025 time period, staff made 12 outreach efforts that included presentations attended by over 160 individuals as well as placement of materials promoting OhioMeansJobs Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, Mahoning & Columbiana Training Association, and the Business Resource Network, 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 MCCTC: Prospective students Youngstown Municiple Court: Probation	Mahoning Valley Community School: Students and staff VIP: Inmates returning to Mah. County in 3 months Col. County Planning Committee: Community Staff FCFC: Community Staff Round Table: Beatitude Clients Citizens Circle: JII and Area Agency Staff
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#### **Cross Trainings**

##### **Columbiana County:**

12/5/2024      Future Plans/GRITS Program

2/21/2025      Clothed in Strength

##### **Mahoning County:**

12/5/2024      Future Plans/GRITS Program

2/7/2025      Clothed in Strength

#### **Service Delivery**

**Columbiana County:** Service Delivery Meeting was held in January 2025

#### **Member Updates**

**MCTA** – Jack Hile provided updates on MCTA programmatic.

Referrals for justice-involved grants and out-of-school youth for the CCMEP program are ongoing. Questions can be directed to Jack via email.  
Chris McLaughlin mentioned funding for the On-the-Job training program.  
Business Resource Network interviews are available for employers' seeking services or resources.

**ODJFS** – Amy Biggs reiterated the importance of adhering to the PDF veteran referral process and using the new Veterans Questionnaire. Updates on the vet form in [ohiomeansjobs.com](http://ohiomeansjobs.com) are still in progress.

**Veteran Services** - David Oesch will cover Mahoning County on Thursdays and Fridays, and Columbiana County on Mondays and Tuesdays.  
Valerie Love mentioned continuing to refer to the veteran to complete the Veteran Questionnaire in their [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com) account.

**ASPIRE** – Jeremy Miller reported on supplemental funding for adult education and ESOL services in Mahoning County. Cameron Bonds provided updates on student progress and GED preparation.

**CCCBD** - Jack Hile announced the Columbiana County Board of Disability Employment Appreciation Dinner on March 11, 2025.  
Contact Shirley for more information and RSVP by February 21, 2025.

**Community Action Agency** - Jason Gordon provided updates on the Uber-like service in East Liverpool and northern part of the county.  
Service details and contact information were shared.

**CCCTC** - Kevin announced the re-award of the Work Ready Grant and the need for nursing and STNA instructors. Job postings are available on Indeed.

#### **Old Business:**

Security measures at the center have been updated; visitors need to show a driver's license when entering the building. The new security system has been installed on the doors to the OhioMeansJobs center. All visitors must be rung in now. New staff members in the resource room were introduced.

#### **New Business:**

Partners are encouraged to drop off updated literature for the resource room. Jack will reach out to Kevin to schedule training on the funding for short-term training programs.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Scheduled for March 28, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

**Mahoning County:** Service Delivery Meetings were held in December, January, and February.

**Partner Updates:**

**MCTA-**It was shared that referrals can still be made for the Justice Involved Individual (JII) grant. Melissa mentioned that they are still looking for referrals for the CCMEP program and that the target groups are juniors and seniors. Carol informed the group that we are working at updating our workshops and we are currently working on the resume workshop, hoping to get it finished soon.

**VANTAGE-** Rhonda Ware share that in December that they are not enrolling clients from Mahoning County, but they will still accept applications. They are looking for applicants from Trumbull and Ashtabula counties.

In February she reported that Mahoning County is still closed for enrollment, but they are accepting enrollment for Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties.

**MCCTC-** Maxie Wirtz - In December multiple flyers were shared with information regarding open house dates and current programs being offered. On January 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00, an information session will be held for those trying to earn a GED. In addition, they also have an adult diploma program that can afford a participant a career path and a high school diploma, not a GED, upon completion. One other class being offered without charge is a Cybersecurity Essentials class. This is an online course which is funded by the IMAP Grant Program. Information for any of these programs can be obtained by calling the MCCTC Adult Career Center at 330-729-4100.

In January, Mary Mihalopoulos shared that the adult side of MCCTC has applied for a Veterinary Assistant program. They are waiting for final approval.

Special interest classes are now available such as: dance, photography and equine.

Some spots are still available for the Cybersecurity course, at no cost to the individual.

In February Maxie shared that There is a great deal going on at MCCTC. A new medical facility will be built on campus and will provide training for students and a clinic which will serve the students and the public. They are developing an LPN program along with a veterinary tech program. More information to follow.

Robotics classes will soon be available to the public. In the past, they have been offered to businesses on a customized contract basis. More details will be shared in the next few months.

Open seats are still available for the 4-hour cybersecurity class which is free and open to the public.

MCCTC is one of the ASPIRE providers in the area. They offer free GED adult basic education and English for speakers of other languages.

**Goodwill-** Robert Mitchell - In December Robert passed out brochures for their Radio Reading Service program. Anyone who is visually impaired is welcome to come to their support group.

Goodwill has a client who has just completed their 90 days with OOD at Visiting Angels. Another OOD client will be starting at the Goodwill stores after the holidays.

Beginning next month, Goodwill will be partnering with ASPIRE and their GED classes.

**Goodwill-**Carol Holmes Chambers introduced herself to the group and shared that she has been hired as the new Community Solutions Director in response to the issues needing to be addressed from the results of the Community Needs Assessment. Carol plans to mobilize community partnership and collaboration that will help to produce positive results and solutions.

In January Robert shared an overview of the assistance given to 1,934 people through their organization. They will be sponsoring a golf tournament on June 30th at Tippecanoe Golf Course. More information will follow.

They are holding a hiring event at the Rescue Mission on January 22nd. They have set up transportation with these clients on the weekend, so hopefully more hires will come from this population.

In February Robert reported that Goodwill was working with two clients from OOD. Both made it 30 days on the job, with one being hired at Burlington.

Recently, there was a resource fair at the Rescue Mission. There were many applicants, and most of them were either hired or were interviewed.

Roger Beltz, a staff member at Goodwill, has been conducting training and soft skills in Newton Falls with about 10 male participants in recovery. In a few weeks, he will be going back to work with the female participants.

**NCUS Tech-** McKayla Rockwell reported in December that NCUS Tech is still enrolling students for the January classes. In addition to their current classes, phlebotomy will be added as well. In February McKayla reported that the phlebotomy and CNA students will be finishing their classes in early April. The 22 plus students are working on completing their classes to graduate by June.

**NCUS Tech-** Autumn Judge reported in January that they are now offering Phlebotomy and CNA (formerly STNA) programs along with their Tech and Advanced Manufacturing programs. In addition, they have the high school diploma program, which is available for anyone, any age.

**NCUS Business Director-**Anthony Montevideo spoke about the Work Advance program in partnership with MVMC. Every month they offer a 4-week manufacturing training program. Upon completion of the program students will receive a \$500 stipend along with career coaching for a year. Anthony works on the business side with employers and community organizations. NCUS has established relationships with 70 companies. Once students complete

the MVMC program, they can directly go to work with one of these companies. Sometimes, they may even be hired before completing the program. January's class begins on the 6<sup>th</sup> and will be completed on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a week's break, and the next class begins on February 10<sup>th</sup>. There is one class scheduled every month. In February he announced that a Career Fair is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> at 139 E Boardman St. There are no vendor fees. They are looking for employers, schools and community organizations to participate in. A Reentry Fair is in the works and will also be held at 139 E. Boardman St. More information to come. The Work Advance program graduated 11 in January. Four of them have jobs, and the rest have had interviews. Clark Deitrich in Warren, off Larchmont, is looking for 30 employees for a new plant that has opened. Jobs at this plant start at \$23.68 an hour and come with full benefits. Schwebel's is having a job fair on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the F airfield Inn from 10:00-4:00. They pay \$19.00 an hour for seasonal workers, with the possibility of being hired permanently at \$16.00 an hour. Anthony is always trying to make connections with those in the community.

**Youngstown Public Library-** In December Judy Jones reported that on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:00-4:00, a mock interview class will be held at the Michael Kusalaba branch library on Mahoning Avenue.

In January she reported that on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00, a mock interview program will be held at the Boardman Library. In addition, on January 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00, a resume writing workshop will be held at the Michael Kusalaba branch. A Job Scam program was held on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Talks on Job Scams will be held in the future along with possible cross training on this topic.

In February she reported that they are in the beginning stages of planning a job resource fair. Information will be shared within the next couple of weeks.

**Flying High-**In December Adam D'Apolito reported that they are opening a new Welcome Center in Columbiana County in February. They are also beginning a job readiness series which is about eight hours of class time and will be a prerequisite before any training can begin. These will be held in Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties.

**YMHA-**Funmi Olarewaju reported that the Section 8 vouchers are now closed. Clients are chosen for this program through a lottery system. If their number is picked, then they are chosen for the program. YMHA served about 2,000 people, but until they are all processed, the program will remain closed to new participants.

YMHA has just received two new high blood pressure stands which can be used by all.

In addition, The Family Self Sufficiency Program is going well. From November until now, 15 participants have enrolled.

In January Funmi shared that the goal for clients this year is to get them working. With the change in SNAP benefits guidelines, participants now need to find work, so finding employment could be a big challenge.

In February Funmi shared that they recently had the PCC board meeting which is just for the Family Self Sufficiency Program. The meeting was well attended. They have been selected to get some technical assistance for their program. Out of about 1000 national agencies, they were 1 out of only 5 that were chosen. The program will run from April to August.

**YSU**-In January David Janofa announced that this will be his last meeting because he is retiring.

**MCDJFS**-In January Lori Murphy shared that recently there have been many issues with food stamp cards being skimmed from Chicago and New York. A program was established to replace food stamp benefits. This funding, in conjunction with the new House bill, ended on December 20<sup>th</sup>. This has created a lot of problems for hundreds and hundreds of people. If they did not get skimmed before December 20<sup>th</sup>, they cannot get those benefits replaced. This has been difficult for clients and staff. Those struggling because of this issue have been advised to call 211 for help with assistance.

Another program that started on October 1<sup>st</sup> requires SNAP benefit recipients to work to receive their benefits unless they have an exemption. After three months of not meeting these requirements, they will no longer receive benefits. This happened at the end of December which caused another increase in those losing benefits. Many letters were sent out prior to the benefits being denied. Trying to get people back into the workforce is the goal.

There are about 100,000 people in Mahoning County on Medicaid. New guidelines are going to require Medicaid recipients, who do not have an exemption, to work as well. These changes will occur within the next year.

### New Business

#### December

**New Veteran Questionnaire**-A new questionnaire will soon be available with updated Veteran Priority of Service Policy. The state is doing an online training on January 21<sup>st</sup>. All MCTA staff members are mandated to attend.

#### January

**Service Delivery contact updates:** Please notify Carol of any new hires or new emails so that she can update her contacts.

**OMJ office hours change:** Office hours at the Boardman OMJ office will now be from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. If clients come in before 4:00 and run over, staff will be here until 4:30 to assist them. In addition, the late-night workshop held on the third Wednesday of each month will now begin at 4:30 instead of 5:00. If this time proves to be problematic for clients, the workshop may go back to the 5:00 time.

#### February

**New DVOP:** Dave Oesch is now the new DVOP that will be working between Mahoning and Columbiana Counties. He will be in Columbiana on Monday and Tuesday and in Mahoning County on Thursday and Friday.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2025 at 8:30 am.

### **Business Services**

From December 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, there were 100 staff-assisted job orders. There were 2 recruitments on-site.