

Committee Reports

One-Stop Committee Meeting

June 13, 2024

Outreach

During the March 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024 period, staff made 20 outreach efforts that included presentations attended by over 1,000 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 continues to be used to outreach to all platforms, WIOA/DW/Youth/Business Services.

Citizen's Circle: Ex-offenders Email/Phone: Job seekers Help Network: Community Resources Indeed: General public Instagram: General public Facebook: General public Youngstown Municipal Courts: Probation United LSD: Prospective CCMEP referrals Swanston House: Staff NCST: Past/current students and employers Baby Bump Program: New & pregnant moms Youngstown Works Job Fair: Job seekers Southern Local Showcase: Students & parents ELHS Sr. Class: Potential CCMEP referrals	MCCTC: Senior outreach MCCTC: Prospective adult students BWC: Safety Council MVMC: Employers Mahoning Valley Community School: Students & Staff ESC of Eastern OH Mock Interview Bootcamp: HS Seniors CCCTC: Juniors & Seniors, employers, and staff Steering Clear: Individuals seeking DL reinstatement Valley Virtual: Partners & Community Financial Empowerment: VITA clients Choffin: Potential adult students Lisbon H.S.: Intervention spec. and guidance counselor United Local Career Fair: K-11 students Hope Conference: Public w/ focus on returning citizens
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Cross Trainings

Columbiana County:

4/5/2024 ODJFS Veteran Priority of Service

4/19/2024 MCTA Review new website

4/19/2024 MCTA Referral Tool

Mahoning County:

5/17/2024 MCTA ARIES Spring Training Recap

Service Delivery

Columbiana County: Service Delivery Meetings were held in March 2024 and May 2024

Member Updates

- **MCTA** – In March Leigh Samargia-Pflug reported that the CCMEP Youth Program is still trying to reach out to youth that are out of school or students that are graduating soon. If you know of someone, please refer them to MCTA. The Adult Program has had a policy change of 1 year classroom training. One Special Grant, the Justice Involved Individual Grant is ending in June, but we are hoping since it is a new grant it will be renewed and the Fresh Start OPIOID Grant has a no cost extension

In May Leigh reported that MCTA is Scaling down on intake because this is the end of our funding year. The new fiscal year starts July 1, 2024, and intake appointments will begin to be scheduled after that date. We are prioritizing some populations depending upon where the funding comes in. Continue to refer customers, especially new graduates. We do have a waiting list depending upon intake date for serving.

Chris McLaughlin stated that Jack asked for an overall review on the level of employers hiring and looking for employees. Chris reported that in Columbiana County, American Standard, PHD, Humtown and Compco are still hiring, but not as many as before and some employers seem to be more particular when looking at potential new employee. Employers are posting open positions through OhioMeansJobs.com website and/or other websites such as indeed.com. A discussion was held on Humtown adding a branch of Additive Manufacturing located on Route 7, Market Street in Boardman, OH. Chris also reported on the Career Fair recently held at New Castle School of Trades on March 28, 2024. Chris reported It was well attended with students from NCST and other campuses, as well as 1 or 2 Local High Schools. Approximately 100 tables were set up and he handed out about 60 business cards.

- **ODJFS** – In March Lindsay Hildreth reported that Amy Engle is busy with referrals. Since the beginning of the year, Amy has received 56 referrals from Veterans, RESEA, Child Support and ODRC and with an enrolled caseload of 42 people out of those 56 referrals. Amy works with her referred customers until they are employed or start another program or no longer want the services she provides. Also, Lindsay gave a reminder that Unemployment Claimants that cannot be assisted through meaningful assistance with partner staff can be referred to Mahoning and Trumbull Counties OhioMeansJobs Centers to speak with an Unemployment Representative in person by appointments only (no walk-in) once a week on Thursdays. UI claimants can be directed to contact those offices to schedule an appointment with those UI representatives. In Mahoning County, the ODJFS unemployment representative has been busy. People from Columbiana County have utilized the services provided by the Mahoning County ODJRS unemployment representative.

- **ODJFS Vets** – In March Dave Oesch reported that he had attended a Continuum Care Meeting and learned from the East Liverpool, Ohio mayor that there is a company in ELO area that will hire felons.

In May Valerie Love who is with Jobs for Veterans State Grant through ODJFS announced and congratulated Dave Oesch on receiving the annual Dan Bloodsworth Memorial Award for exceptional meritorious service resulting in the empowerment and betterment of the Veterans community for Columbiana County. This award is presented by The Office of Workforce Development. Valerie nominated Dave from the State of Ohio DVOPS.

- **CCDJFS** – In May Logan Seabrook reported that the PRC program is starting the applications on Monday.

- **ASPIRE** - In May, Christina Miller reported that this would be her last update as EGCC, ASPIRE. Next Friday June 6, 2024, they will find out who their new fiscal agent will be. OMJ is a required partner with ASPIRE and will continue with the new provider. July 1, 2024, starts the new year and hopefully she will continue with the new agent. If everything goes as planned new location for East Liverpool Aspire will be in the New Castle School of Trades Building 1 block away. GED Services will also be offered at other locations. GED graduations will be coming up for northern counties at MCCTC on Thursday June,27, 2024 and for the Southern County areas at Steubenville Tech, on the second Friday in July 2024. A new program integration education training course is going on as pilot project and is going well. She will review GED applications that will get started in Columbiana County once the new fiscal agent is announced.

- **OOD** – In March, Jennifer stated that Christina has a caseload of college students. Jennifer is still counsel for general disabilities, and she can be contacted by the main Youngstown phone number.

- **CCBDD** – In March Shirley Bowald stated the Department of Developmental Disabilities came to YSU on Wednesday to film a class. Thank you to Jennifer who agreed to speak with the interviewer. Classes will be added during the summer at YSU, the Excellence Training Center. She will send an email out to let all know they have 39 courses completed or in process with 24 participants in Certified Manufacturing Associates, Robotics, Lean 6 Sigma and Comp TIA. If you have anyone who is interested in short- term industry recognized credential, let Shirley know. In May Shirley Bowald reported they need to fill classes in the Pathway Grant which finishes on June 30, 2024. Additive Manufacturing 3 D Printing Class that is starting Monday, June 3, 2024, and Additive Manufacturing Metals Class that starts on June 10, 2024. Please contact Shirley at 330-531-0126 for either of those classes. Jack will email Shirley the email address of Angela Vollberg for possible information on filling those classes.

- **CAA** – In May Jason Gordon reported that Carts Micro Transit Urbo like Services starting up is still in process for county wide services. MYCAP next month will be last participation time for those seniors due to funding.

New Business (March)

- Referral feature on website- Jack provided demonstration on how to use/complete the referral feature on the OMJ Website. He will email out a SOP on that information to partners.
- Jack provided information on research he is processing on software for installation for a panic button for quick emergency notifications to other areas of the OhioMeansJobs Centers. Team Office is working with him on that software research.
- Jack announced a reminder of the April 5, 2024, Cross Training Refresher on how to provide veteran's priority of service in the OMJ Center in Columbiana County.
- Jack reported that a Tornado Drill was held at the OhioMeansJobs Center in Columbiana County, and all went well with staff assembling in the hallway outside of our entrance doors.
- Dave Oesch inquired about an update on EGCC Aspire with Christina and Karen. A discussion was held that 2 rapid responses were held for employees in Youngstown, and Jefferson County. Information was related that EGCC is trying to transition attending students with the best fit to YSU and possible Stark State.

New Business: (May)

- EOCC Workshop: Jack reported that OMJ CC workshops are now up and running. A decision was made not to add new extra workshops at this time. Offenders attend a cohort for the following workshops: Resume, Orientation of the OhioMeansJobs Center Columbiana County (with a discussion on the OhioMeansJobs.com website for job searching when released and are able to register in the OH/ID and can visit their local OhioMeansJobs Center for job searching assistance), Interviewing and Career Exploration.
- AED: Jack reported that a AED system is set up in the Resource Room for emergencies and OMJ CC staff has been trained and OMJ CC Staff has participated in first aid training on CPR. We also have our DVOP, Dave Oesch for assistance in those areas.
- ALL PAGE: Jack reported that OMJ CC Center has activated an All-Page code from our telephone system to be used in emergencies situations or medical emergencies. Staff is developing a color code system to be used in the announcements.
- Partner Participations Checklist Review: Jack shared information about the Partner Participation Checklist that included the cost of sharing and participating in the following areas; Resource Room Backup, Workshop Presentations, or attending the One Stop Meetings every other month. The goal is to have all partners earn a green star or check mark, not the red stop sign. Please review your participations checklist and contact Jack if you have any questions.
- Cross Training Ideas Request: If you have any ideas for Cross Trainings, please email Jack. A Cross Training is set up soon on the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.
- Dave Oesch announced that a veteran that was in his caseload is starting at the Counselling Center, her name is Kristen Pacola.

Next Meeting May 31, 2024, at 10:30 am

Mahoning County: Service Delivery Meetings were held in March, April, and May.

Partner Updates:

MCDJFS - In March Lori reported that their office is now open to the public from 8:00 to 4:00. Clients are served first come, first served. They have staff available at the front desk that can help troubleshoot client issues. They also have a program for high school graduates with barriers that can afford them \$300 upon graduation. This program can afford to fund between \$30,000 and \$40,000. In April, Lori reported looking forward to working with MCTA in the Summer Youth Program. MCDJFS has an active Facebook page, and they are willing to post relevant information if it contains identifiable headings.

MCTA-In March Leigh reported that they now have two special grants for adults. One is the Fresh Start grant, which has recently been extended. This grant is offered to those affected by opioids. There is a broad description of the word “affected”. The other grant is the JII (Justice Involved Individuals) grant. This is available to those that have been involved in the justice system. This is available until the end of June.

Academy for Urban Scholars- In March Autumn reported that they are still holding classes with MVMC with the Work Advance program. The classes that are offered are for a three-week training program. The new round begins on March 18th. These are held in partnership with Eastern Gateway. She is not sure how long this partnership will last. Training is also still being held for Advance Manufacturing, STNA, Google IT, and Excel. In addition, employers may be interested in their Tech Cred program which can help with upscaling for employees. Mark Rheins introduced himself as the newly appointed CBI director for the Urban Scholar high school. They currently have 300 students from the ages of 14-21. His job is to make sure that these students are prepared for the workforce. He is eager to work with many of the partners that are present. In April, Autumn reported that they are always accepting students for the STNA, Google IT and Advanced Manufacturing programs. The Workforce department is still working with Eastern Gateway for Advanced Manufacturing with MVMC. They are working with a new cohort for their three-week training program. After completion of the program, they receive an incentive payout and may also be placed in employment. Mark Rheins reported that this is graduation season which is one of their busiest times of the year. A great effort is being made to get these students over the finish line. Preparations are also being made for the next school year. Focus is being placed on workforce and career development. McKayla Rockwell informed the group that NCUS TEC would be involved with the Gen Z virtual career fair and will also be present at the Youngstown Works Hiring Fair.

Goodwill- In March Robert introduced Shelley Murray, who is the interim CEO. He also shared that they just attended a resource fair at the YMCA. There is another at Mill Creek Community Center at the end of the month. He encouraged those present to send clients who are interested in resume creation, interviewing and driver's permit assistance. They have recently

had some OOD placements. In April Robert reported that they are still hiring for their 10 stores, including the plant. They also have their driver's permit program and the vision screening program. They have completed 1700 vision screenings, almost reaching the goal of 2024 screenings. They currently have one community-based assessment from OOD.

YMHA-In April, Funmi reported that the housing lotter had been held and those whose numbers were picked, should be receiving a letter from YMHA soon. The financial literacy program was mentioned briefly.

Compass- In December Charlene reported that they are in the third week of the Work Advance program. Compass will also be represented in a resource fair in Trumbull County.

Flying High-In March, Adam reported that they have two events scheduled, one with the Mental Health and Recovery Board, March 15th in Trumbull County, the other event is with ODRC. It is a family forum for family members of people returning from prison. It will be held March 19th at the First Presbyterian Church in Youngstown.

MCCTC-In March Maxie gave an update on Federal Student Aid. She reported that FAFSA applications are very problematic right now. Schools are not receiving the FAFSAs, and this has been a big problem for students all over the country. In April Maxie reported that the new FAFSA rollout has been rough. Most schools have not received applications yet. Many of the applications have been processed incorrectly therefore clients have had to make corrections and submit them again. Maxie offered her assistance to anyone having questions regarding these issues.

EGCC Aspire- In April Kim reported that ASPIRE is getting ready to end the fiscal year on June 30th. The new year begins on July 1st. ASPIRE has been under Eastern Gateway for the last 6 years, but because of recent financial situations, they will be connected somewhere else. They are not sure where that may be. ABE and ESOL classes are still being held at a variety of locations: OMJ, MCCTX, Oak Hill by appointment, and others. The downtown location will be changing, but that location has not yet been verified.

ODJFS Veterans- In March Jeremy shared that there will be a Veteran's Resource Fair on April 12th. It will be held at the Trumbull Campus of Kent State University.

ODJFS- In March Kristen reported that there is a virtual job fair on May 8th from 2-6. This job fair is available for job seekers from ages 27 and younger. Job seekers can register by emailing employmentservices@ifs.ohio.gov, the deadline is May 1st. In April Kristen reported there will be a Youngstown Works hiring event held at Stambaugh Auditorium on April 24th from 1-2. She reminded everyone of the Gen Z virtual career fair on May 8th. The virtual fair employers will be looking for great candidates to fill full-time, part-time, summer and internship positions.

YSU- David reported that YSU workforce is looking for potential partners to work with them with a disability grant. The overview of this program is to fund projects that develop, implement, and refine programs to transition youth and adults with disabilities into

competitive integrated employment (CIE). YSU can be the lead or can partner with others who would want to be the lead. It is a \$9 million grant. Handouts were given to those interested.

New Business

- In March Lori Murphy reported that there will be a summer youth program. The applicants must be TANF eligible and have a child of their own or live in the home with a child. They must also be between the ages of 14-18. They can make \$13 an hour. MCDJFS will be working with MCTA this year.
- In April it was reported that the House of /representatives overwhelmingly passed H.R. 6655, A Stronger Workforce for America Act. H.R. 6655 would reauthorize the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). We are now waiting for the Senate's decision on legislation to determine the outcome.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 21st.

Business Services

From March 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024, there were 106 staff-assisted job orders. There were 5 recruitments on-site.