

# **Committee Reports**

## **One-Stop Committee Meeting**

### **March 14, 2024**

#### **Outreach**

During the December 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024 period, staff made 10 outreach efforts that included presentations attended by over 260 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.

<b>Citizen's Circle: Ex-offenders</b> <b>Email/Phone: Job seekers</b> <b>Help Network: Community Resources</b> <b>Indeed: General public</b> <b>Instagram: General public</b> <b>Facebook: General public</b>	<b>MCCTC: Senior outreach</b> <b>MCCTC: prospective adult students</b> <b>BWC: Safety Council</b> <b>MVMC: Employers</b> <b>Mahoning Valley Community School: Students &amp; Staff</b> <b>ESC of Eastern OH Mock Interview Bootcamp: HS Seniors</b>
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#### **Cross Trainings**

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

12/15/2023	CCCTC	Police Academy
12/15/2023	CCCTC	Special Grant for STNA Training
1/19/2024	CCDJFS	PRC
1/19/2024	CCDJFS	CCDJFS Updates
2/9/2024	MCTA	MCTS JII (Justice Involved Individuals) Funding

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

12/15/2023	OOD – Training dollars available to college students
2/9/2024	MCTA – JII Grant

## **Service Delivery**

**Columbiana County:** Service Delivery Meetings were held in December 2023 and January 2024

### **Member Updates**

**MCTA** - Chris reported that there are no major updates. New grant information may be coming soon. Funding streams may be available and client criteria will determine distribution.

Jack added that WIOA is in a continuing resolution. There is a continuation from Congress, but the law needs to be renewed to be able to get extra funding. Funding is still under priority and we do have a waiting list, but please continue to send referrals. No updates in January

**ODJFS** - Amy reported the state is piloting a new program designed to help with unemployment. One of 12 unemployment specialists will be placed in a county job agency one day a week. Columbiana was not chosen as one of the sites. Because this is a pilot program, many details are still unclear. The phone number that was given to staff in the meaningful assistance memo is still valid. Staff may not always get a person to speak to, but it is still a number that can be used. No updates in January

**CCDJFS** – Reported new hires within agency.

**ASPIRE** – Christina Miller reported that the GED test site saga continues. Somehow the old application and the new application got mixed together, so it will take some time to sort that out. The ASPIRE program is still offering basic skills assistance throughout the county. These include GED, ESOL and practice entry tests for college or the trades.

**CCESC** – December – John reported that the Innovation Career Exploration Program for high school students at Leetonia has been successful. The 43 students enrolled in this program have been making industry visits, doing mock interviews and participating in a work ethics program. They are seeking grants for two more sites next year.

The Robotics Program will be starting soon. Two of last years' teams went to the world championships. This year's competition has 52 middle school teams from 8 districts and 26 high school teams from 7 districts.

United, Leetonia and Crestview high schools have career counselors, but Beaver and Columbiana share career counselors. The Lisbon career counselor went back to the military and there will be no replacement for that position.

Vision Casting will take place in January at the Kent State Salem branch. All are welcome.

**The Counseling Center** – Korena reported that four employees have either retired, quit or resigned. These were Tim Brown, Tina Nolte, Kim Pollock and Mary Seskey. The new adult employment specialists hired are Theresa Burgess, Jeannie Johnson, and Morgan Braind. The youth employment specialists hired are Carrie Cimperman, and Cassie Cornell.

The food pantry located behind the Counseling Center will now be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-2.

The Counseling Center is upgrading its electronic health records system so that it will be more user-friendly.

**CCBDD** – Shirley reported that OOD referrals are going up. She began doing some mini workshops with SSA's using some information she worked on with their employment collaborative, which is regional. There has been a lot of changeovers with new SSA's, so she felt that it was time to revisit where people are with their service plans on their paths of employment. This interaction and information have proven to be helpful.

**CAA** – Jason reported that CARTS is on a big hiring spree. There will be no physical expansion, just an increase in manpower. Jack suggested that they may want to create a job order so that could post those jobs onto the OhioMeansJobs website.

#### Old Business

- New website [www.omjworkforce.org](http://www.omjworkforce.org)-This website is up and running and strictly informational.

#### New Business

- Jack reported that the OneStop evaluation is coming up in January. Carol, Susie and he have been working hard to gather all the information needed for that evaluation.
- The Columbiana OMJ office has been very busy with clients needing assistance with Unemployment.
- Daily in person traffic is about 20 people daily.
- They are still working on setting up Cross Trainings. Two or three more need to be set up. Contact Jack if you are interested.

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

#### Partner Updates:

**MCTA**-In December, it was reported that MCTA had received a grant worth \$185,000 to assist justice involved individuals with ITA's, OJT's and Career Services. In January, it was reported that MCTA had to adjust their funding policies to programs that could be completed in one year or less. In February, it was reported that MCTA is looking for the youth that are now seniors getting ready to graduate, as there are many supportive options for this group, even after they graduate.

**Academy for Urban Scholars**- In January, McKayla reported that they currently have Google IT, STNE, and Advanced Manufacturing programs available. They were starting an interest list regarding a Phlebotomy class. They also offer job placement assistance. Autumn reported that they will offer a Financial Literacy program on February 6th and host an open house soon.

**Goodwill**- In December, Robert reported that they have recently participated at resource fairs with The Best Purpose Agency and Veterans Haven. Their CEO, Annie Phillips will be on maternity leave for one year. Shelley Murray will be the interim CEO during this time. They

continue to hire for open job positions and help with food, shelter, housing, SSI and driving permit tests. No car can be provided for the test. In February, he shared that they had participated in a resource fair at TCCTC and that there 150 students present. He also let everyone know that when Liberty schools are closed, they are closed as well.

**YMHA**-In December, Funmi reported that they have a new director of the Resident Initiative, his name is Stephan Hawkins. In January she reported that they are still restructuring. She also said that she had a client that was a licensed nail technician who was looking for a job and/or additional training, if anyone had any leads for her. In February, she shared that she has clients that want to do business. She is looking for grants or other resources for them, but transportation can sometimes be an issue for them.

**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 December, Adam reported that they now have a new training center on the corner of Kensington and Bissell. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in January. There are two new classes being offered at the new facility. One program is in Carpentry and the other is in Blueprint Reading/Fitting. Both classes also offer forklift training. In January they did not have a date set yet for the ribbon cutting. He reported that they had one carpentry program in progress and another on to begin January 29<sup>th</sup>. It is a twelve-week program that costs roughly \$5200.

**MCCTC**-In December, Mary reported that they are still enrolling for adult diploma classes. Anyone not having a high school diploma and meets requirements can go into one of the training programs at no cost to them. Enrollment is being taken for the phlebotomy class, which begins late January or early February. Also, grant funds from the state are available on top of the Pell grant. Students may be eligible for \$2000 in tuition training dollars.

**Cleveland Job Corps**- In February, David reported that there will be an open house in March. He also shared some information about the program. The Cleveland school has residential students who live on campus and non-residential students who live near campus. There are around 100 students in the program, but there is room for more.

**EGCC Aspire**- In January Kim was not able to attend, but left information for Carol to share. Aspire will be starting a WorkKeys Prep class at MCCTC for those needing to take the WorkKeys test. This test may be needed if trying to gain entrance into the adult diploma or other programs. If interested, they can call 330-774-1687. In February, Kim reported that new flyers are available for the ABE and ESOL classes.

**Youngstown Public Library**- In January, Judy reported that their NorthStar program gives patrons the opportunity to self-teach in areas that are mostly software related. Once the patrons are ready to test, librarians are available to proctor those tests. This can offer additional credibility when patrons are job searching. In order to begin, they must create an

account at the library and connect with a librarian once they are ready to test. In February, Judy reported that they will be having a Job Interview Etiquette program on March 13 from 6-7:30. This will take place at the main library.

### **New Business**

- In December it was reported that the branding for OhioMeansJobs was going to be changing and in February the new logos were shown to the committee.
- In December it was reported that the redirect for our advertised website of [ohiomeansjobs.com/mahoning](http://ohiomeansjobs.com/mahoning) was no working and everyone should use the [www.omjworkforce.org](http://www.omjworkforce.org) until it is fixed. In January it was reported that the redirect was now going to a different website that was not ours and then in February we were able to report that the redirect was now working as it should be.
- In February it was reported that work is being done on a social media and strategic campaign with Clever to reach more out of school WIOA youth.
- Beginning in March, we will be part of a pilot program with unemployment. They will be placing an OUIO staff member in our office 1 day a week on Thursdays. At present, it looks like appointments will be scheduled for those interested in meeting with the UI staff member. What type of help they will be giving is not yet clear.
- We now have updated desk aides with screen shots for those filing for unemployment and completing their resume and career profile.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Business Services**

From December 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024 there were 90 staff-assisted job orders. There were 3 recruitments on-site.