**April OMJ partner meeting**

**April 25, 2017**

**Mansfield Richland County Public Library**

Connie Coe

Heather Mosley

Jackie Walker

Lisa Fernandez

Sonja Pluck

Michelle Wendland

Michele Meckes

Scott Sneed

Vicki Loucks

Ken Richmond

Kelley Bush

Roxanne Swogger

Laurie Jordan

Steve Russell

**Introductions**

Teresa welcomed everyone and reminded them that the Board has a website. Richlandcrawfordworks.com

The Board meeting schedule is on the website. The RFP schedule is also on the website. Proposals are due on May 3rd. Rating of the proposals will occur on May 10th, with Board approval scheduled for May 17th. Contracts will be negotiated and approved by the Commissioners in June.

Teresa explained that Angela could not make the meeting, but sent her updates to Teresa. Crawford JFS is working on Ohio Youth Works, providing summer employment to 14 and 15 year olds. They are also having a Reentry Resource Fair on May 24th. Flyer is being passed around and will be sent by email. They are also working to recruit child care providers for their community.

**Partner Updates**

Ken- Buckeye Health plan- trying to get bigger presence in Richland County – He can educate individuals on Medicaid – They would love to attend events to educate and promote their health plan.

Heather – Richland OMJ – They are applying for lead for OMJ and career services. Staff are working with Catalyst for summer youth for 14-15 year olds with summer employment. They are also trying to increase employer presence in OMJ center – 1-2 times per week employers in OMJ center. They are partnering with the Chamber on a job fair. Teresa will send the flyer when it is available.

Vickie- ACWHCC- They have new programs starting in august for electrical and plumbing.

Sonja – Madison Career Center – They are enrolling for fall, brochures provided. There are two new programs: direct support professional training and community health worker. These are a direct result of collaboration with the Healthier Buckeye Council and the pilot grant. These programs may be funded by HBC funds. On May 4th registration for all programs will open. There will be many eager students enrolling.

Steve Russell – MRCPL –The public library has a computer lab that we will visit at the end of the meeting. The library is push more workforce development messages. There is a page on their website and handouts. There was a job seeker drop in day in which individuals were encouraged to complete online job applications, receive resume help. It was a day to promote workforce development services at the library and it received coverage from media. The plan is to have something like that quarterly. Five staff people man the computer lab; Microsoft word and excel classes are offered regularly. The library began to offer in morning also. Next month a new class on Ohio means jobs.com will be offered to help individuals navigate it.

July 28th next job seeker drop in

Job board in the lab- email Steve your PDF to put on job board

May 25th OMJ.com class- 9:30

Connie Coe –OOD- new website OOD works.com. – Self assessment and referral form

Nannette – OOD – new staff Connie is job developer- caseload assistant – Shannon Fletcher is working in schools

Kelly B – Goodwill –senior provider – volunteer services

Partners in the Ridge project – May 18th CAC and VOA – vocational evaluations

Jackie – Goodwill – The third cohort of the Ridge project will begin May 18th. There were 18 in first cohort. They are working on attitude and teaching conflict resolution.

Lisa –ODRC- Reentry resource fair at Gateway was a success. There was a food truck from Cleveland. There were 23 different resources represented there and 75 participants.

Next resource fair is Oct 19 10-2. Lisa is very excited about the Resource Fair in Bucyrus on May 24th. A church is providing lunch. A flyer was passed around and will be sent electronically to all on the email list.

Lisa passed out information about the Citizen circle in which agencies meet with offenders once a month to help them with resources. Gateway is lead agency and meetings will be held there.

Lisa is still working on the Reentry coalition. It is more formal and must have five year plan. But once the community completes those steps, the community is eligible and can apply for grants.

There will be many grant opportunities available.

Roxanne –ODRC- reentry administrator – learning about community resources

Michele W – ODJFS – She has staff in Richland and Crawford OMJ Centers who help customers get back to work with resumes assistance and job skills. She reminded everyone that the OMJ.com site has a job fair page. Please send her job fair flyers and ODJFS will post on all their social media sites – will post until day of event

Michele – ABLE – GED classes in Richland and Crawford counties – Solutions – If individual has GED or diploma, but needs tutoring for college entrance exams, her staff can provide that tutoring.

Scott – Success unlimited/HBC – New trainings that are being offered. The resource bank allows for interest free loans for those who are working for such things as car repairs or to buy appliances. There is transportation assistance for those who are working. There are currently 6-7 people who get help to get to work or training. To apply for Healthier Buckeye pilot grant – get application at Catalyst from Steve Wilkinson. Grant will be extended to December 31, 2017.

Lori -211– Tax season is over – 211 filed 266 tax returns this year.

They can still schedule taxes for 2014-2016. Record levels of call and services sought.

She asked if IRT is still going. Someone answered no, but there is an advisory committee meeting soon to talk about next steps.

Job readiness providers – is there a list? There is not a list, but Teresa will ask the question on the email list.

The group went to the library computer lab which is tucked back in the corner of the library. There were about 6-10 people working on the computers. It is a nice quiet space in the library where someone can spend several hours working on job applications or building their resume.

**Next meeting is July 25 at 9:30 site to be determined. Shelby or Galion?**