

RICHLAND-CRAWFORD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

11:30 A.M.

Job and Family Services Conference Room

Zoom meeting

Zoom Attendance

**Nikia Fletcher
Beth Delaney
Angela Neef
Mitch Jacobsen**

Physical Attendance

**Tim Bowersock
Carl Neutzling
Dorey Diab
Randa Payne
Mandy Davis
Teresa Alt
Jill Gantt
Clint Knight
Lori Bedson**

Welcome and introductions

Randa welcomed everyone to the meeting and began introductions.

TANF Summer Employment

Teresa reported that the Youth and Family Council through a partnership with Richland Job and Family Services provided a summer employment program. Over 250 youth have applied and there are over 130 work slots available. One hundred forty-five youth worked at least one day this summer. About one hundred youth regularly worked this summer. There are currently three youth still working as their school does not start until after Labor Day. There were many partners and collaborations this year which allowed the program to serve twice as many youth this summer compared to last summer.

WIOA Extension for Participant

Lori shared that the WIOA participant who was granted the extension has withdrawn from the WIOA program and the training program. Both staff from the training program and WIOA staff worked very hard to accommodate her situation.

Review of Bylaws

Randa explained that she has been reviewing the bylaws as she prepared for the Board chair position and would like to suggest that the subcommittees be revisited.

Subcommittees could provide an opportunity for more involvement in the Board by members and workforce partners. Members agreed and provided some goals for the subcommittee work. Teresa will email both workforce partners and board members to recruit participants.

Randa discussed moving the meetings to different business locations each month also to make the meetings more engaging and interesting.

Youth committee's main goal is to assist in outreach for more youth into the program and possibly branding. Crawford CCMEP just completed their branding.

Business committee's goal is to market on the job training and incumbent worker training to employers.

Education, training, and workforce committee's goal is to outreach to adult and dislocated workers to drive them to the OhioMeansJobs Centers.

Dorey stressed that the key objective to all these committees is to provide qualified and competent employees to employers. The area must see an increase in the labor participation rates to thrive.

Job Fair

Clint is planning a traditional Job Fair on September 29th at Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center. He will begin to reach out to employers next week. The reverse job fair will be held in the spring for the youth. Jill shared that the state job fair was a little overwhelming. They will conduct future virtual job fairs by region.

Angela shared that Crawford Child Support Enforcement Agency and the OMJ Center partnered with the court for an Amnesty Day. Fourteen employers several training partners attended from 1:00-3:00. Forty job seekers attended. Preliminary reports from CSEA, four warrants and six driver license suspensions were lifted. They hope to make this an annual event with CSEA and the court.

Adjusted Annual WIOA Performance Report PY 2020

Teresa reviewed the final adjusted report. The area failed employment 2nd quarter after exit. The cohort period for this report is 7/1/19 to 6/30/20. There were mass layoffs beginning in March of 2020 due to the pandemic. The number of dislocated workers in the denominator was four, which is very low and creates a very difficult situation for performance. Area 9 also failed this measure mostly due to the denominator being under ten individuals. The Area will need to complete a corrective action plan. All other areas of performance were successful.