

## **RICHLAND-CRAWFORD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

**11:30 A.M.**

**Zoom meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86890065273?pwd=SHIWUERsQXBKbDhIN3phdJB2eFVXQT09>**

**Jenni Paramore  
Crystal Davis-Weese  
Clint Knight  
Jill Gantt  
Deanna West-Torrence  
Tim Bowersocks  
Megan Wagner  
Veronica Crawford  
Angel Neef  
Gary Frankhouse  
Lori Bedson  
Tionna Perdue  
Sherri Tinch-Greter  
Mitch Jacobsen**

Jenni called the meeting to order at 11:32 and welcomed all the members and guest.

### **Business Outreach Grant Reports**

Sherri from Crawford Partnership provided an update on their progress this month. Sherri participated in the Virtual Career Fair meetings. The Virtual Career Fair will take place on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Sherri enrolled four of seven schools and five new companies in the Community Opportunities platform. Sherri thanked Megan from TPMA for information on trade and apprenticeship pathways.

Crystal provided an update for NECIC. She reported working with 28 African American men. Fourteen of them were placed in an assignment. Two of them have achieved full time employment, with one of them achieving a significant raise already. Crystal is looking for assistance in building a network of felon friendly businesses.

Megan from TPMA provided an update in which she highlighted her collaborative efforts with both the Crawford Partnership and NECIC. TPMA is working on marketing and capacity building.

### **RESEA Update**

Teresa explained that ODJFS would like the local areas to provide Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Program. It is a federal program that provides intensive reemployment assistance to individuals who are receiving unemployment benefits and are determined likely to exhaust their benefits before becoming reemployed. ODJFS selects the participants and the OMJ operators will provide the service upon identification. Both Richland and Crawford will absorb the new participants with their current employment staff. There are additional funds that ODJFS will provide to the local area for staff and admin. The OMJ operators will participate in training tomorrow. This will potentially bring more dislocated workers to the OMJ Centers who can be quickly employed by local companies.

### **Procurement Committee**

The procurement committee will likely meet in early to mid-January to discuss how to prepare the Request for Proposals. A resolution will need to be passed at the January Board meeting on how the Board and the CCMEP lead agencies will proceed with CCMEP services and the procurement process. The procurement committee will likely be recruited for the rating committee. Teresa will be sending out inquiries on intent to apply to ensure that there is no conflict of interest on the committees.

The Virtual Career Fair was discussed briefly. The Brazen platform is easy to use, and the employer booths are easily customizable. Brazen staff provide a zoom training twice a week for employers to learn how to customize their booths. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Area 10 fair will focus on advanced manufacturing, logistics, and agribusiness. The goal is to have 25-35 employers signed up for the fair. Marketing for job seekers will begin in January.

Angela provided an update on the Crawford OMJ Center. They are working on a subscription email list for job seekers to send out timely job leads. They have purchased mail chimp to get out job leads quicker and more often.