

RICHLAND-CRAWFORD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
11:30 A.M.
Zoom meeting

Jenni Paramore
Dorey Diab
Carl Neutzling
Nikia Fletcher
Beth Delaney
Angel Neef
Lori Bedson
Sherri Tinch-Greter

Crystal Davis-Weese
Clint Knight
Jill Gantt
Megan Wagner
Veronica Coward
Nithya Pramekumar
Mitch Jacobsen

Welcome and introductions

Jenni Paramore

Fiscal Update

Teresa explained that throughout the state of Ohio, the WIOA third year funds, also known as PY 18 funds are not being spent as quickly as Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) needs them to be spent. If they are not spent by June 30th, the Area loses the funds. If too many areas are underspent, then potentially, the state could lose the funds to the Department of Labor. Therefore, there are conversations with ODFJS and the Ohio Workforce Association to brainstorm ideas on how to spend them within the state so that they do not return to the Department of Labor. The PY 19 funds must be spent by June 30, 2021 also or ODJFS will reclaim those funds and redistribute them. As an area, we are at risk of not spending all the PY 19 funds because of the pandemic.

A pre-meeting was held with Catalyst, Crawford JFS, and Richland JFS on Friday to discuss strategies for the Area. Increasing the work experience wage to \$10 or \$11 per hour is one strategy. This may encourage other youth to enter placements. Another strategy is outreach and advertising to encourage adult, youth, and dislocated workers to visit the OMJ Centers. Buying computers and laptops was not a common practice, however due to the pandemic and the nature of how work and education has changed, laptops are an appropriate supportive service. Carmen has asked all the subrecipients to provide their projected spending by March 15, so that she can move funds within the area to ensure that they are spent. However, there is another option that the County JFS agencies would like consideration from the Board. There is a trading system within the Job and Family Service fiscal system to trade funds from county to county. The County Commissioners must pass a resolution to allow the JFS to transfer funds with another county. When it involves WIOA funds, the Workforce Board must approve of the transfer also. Allowing the Area to transfer funds, allows the state to maximize the

use of WIOA funds and benefits the individual county that may need a different public assistance fund to support their operation.

Dorey made a motion to grant permission for the Area to trade WIOA funds for other public assistance funds only after all the Area's workforce needs are met. Beth seconded the motion. All approved and motion passed.

Structure of Full Board Meetings

Teresa asked for feedback on the length of board meetings as there have been some concerns of the meetings going over one hour. The consensus was one and half hours for a quarterly meeting was acceptable if the information was productive and relevant.

RESEA Update

Reemployment services will be delivered by the OhioMeansJobs county staff beginning February 1, 2021. However, there have been some technical glitches with the case management system. The implementation of the reemployment services has been delayed. There is no start date given at this time.

Business Outreach Grant Reports TPMA

Megan informed the committee that NECIC and the Chamber are working on an event in March to provide recruitment best practices, city, state, federal grants, and incentives to local businesses. The event will be March 25th from 10:00 am to 11:30 a.m. There will be a live case study with Robert Sherel who owns Imperial Cleaning. Videos to promote the OhioMeansJobs Centers and Community Opportunities were reviewed. Those videos will be shared to all board members after the meeting.

Crystal provided an update on the NECIC contract. Crystal is working with 63 men which is an increase from last month. More jobseekers are being placed in positions. Fifteen businesses were added to Community Opportunities platform.

Sherri reported that there are 273 companies on Community Opportunities Platform and 2,043 students. Sherri will represent the platform on the OH Zone virtual job fair on 2/18/21.

Procurement Timeline

RFP was released on February 1, 2021. Legal notices were published in major newspapers, online and paper and radio advertisements were purchased. Technical assistance conference is scheduled for February 19th. Deadline for written questions is March 12, 2021. Letters of intent are due February 26, 2021. Proposals are due Monday April 5th by noon electronically.