

RICHLAND-CRAWFORD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

11:30 A.M.

Job and Family Services Conference Room

Zoom meeting

Zoom Attendance

**Beth Delaney
Dorey Diab
Tim Bowersock
Jill Gantt
Crystal Davis-Weese
Lori Bedson
Mitch Jacobsen
Angela Neef**

Physical Attendance

Clint Knight

Welcome and introductions

Summer Learning Grant

The Ohio Department of Education was submitted by MOESC on behalf of SPARC. The decision on the grants will be announced on March 24, 2022. Teresa provided an update on TANF summer employment. ODJFS announced that additional TANF funds will be available to serve youth ages 14-18 for summer employment. The allowable wage has increased to \$13 per hour. This is good news and concerning. Many of our employers are not paying that much. Richland JFS has provided funding to the Youth and Family Council. The Council has a subgrant agreement with NECIC to develop worksites and help recruit youth. NECIC staff will also be the employer of record and provide payroll services. Angela reported that Crawford JFS will participate in the summer youth program but will likely keep their wage at \$11 per hour to be consistent with the CCMEP participants.

Business Resource Network Grant

Teresa reported that the Crawford Partnership declined the Business Resource grant. Angela set up a meeting with the Bucyrus Area Chamber of Commerce and Galion-Crestline Area Chamber of Commerce. They are working on a Job Fair this spring and would like reimbursement for their time working it. They asked if the funds could be used to give gas cards to entice job seekers to attend job fair and visit the employers at the Job Fair. The Chambers suggested the supervision training from NCSC for their members. Teresa has asked our state partners if these changes can be made to the grant. Richland OMJ would like a digital sign with the funds also.

Outreach Efforts- DRM video

Clint Knight, Jill Gantt

Clint provided an overview of why the videos are being created to promote the opportunities in the region to high school students and others who may wish to move here. It is also to promote local businesses and inform the community of the diverse products made in the area. The first video was created at Lloyd Rebar Company. The video was shown, but there were some Wi-Fi glitches. Clint will send the video by email once the final edits are completed.

Jill provided an update on the billboards. Crawford billboards went up on February 14th and Richland billboards went up on March 7th

OhioMeansJobs Certification -phase 3

Teresa explained that the ARIES implementation will be a major undertaking for the OMJ Centers and asked if the Executive Committee could approve the OMJ Certification in June. Teresa proposes changing the schedule to complete the site visit in May so that the OMJ Centers can prepare for ARIES implementation.

Beth made a motion to approve the schedule change to complete the site visit in May and approve certification at the June Executive Committee meeting. Dorey seconded the motion. Tim, Dorey, and Beth said yes, motion passes.

MOU Negotiations

Carmen sent letters out to the MOU partners to ask if their full-time equivalents will remain the same for next fiscal year. She also provided the projected costs per agency. Teresa will update the MOU template from ODJFS and provide to partners once the budget is approved. Teresa will seek signatures after all partners agree to amounts.

ARIES Implementation

ARIES stands for Advancement through Resources, Information & Employment Services (ARIES) system, which is scheduled to go live on Monday, April 4, 2022. OWCMS will no longer be available on Thursday, March 31st as the data conversion will begin. A new data management system is a labor-intensive transition for the OMJ operators. There will likely be issues and challenges that will need to be worked through. The OMJ Center staff will be focused on ensuring that all case management data is current in OWCMS by March 31st.

Crystal provided an update on the BRN grant with NECIC. NECIC is partnering with Dr. Terri Bucci to host substitute teacher workshops to assist the schools and promoting diversity in education professionals. Seven people (four are African American)

completed the last workshop and 11 people are signed up for the class this week. Nine people started the lead abatement training and seven completed. 2020 Construction had four employees who completed the training. There are 10 people who attend the micro business classes regularly and are working on their certifications.

Angela reported that the Job Fair is on May 12th at the Crawford County Fairgrounds from 1:00-4:00. They are working on the advertising now.