

**RICHLAND-CRAWFORD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2020**  
**11:30 A.M.**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Angela Neef  
Gary Frankhouse  
Lori Bedson  
Tim Bowersock  
Beth Delaney  
Clint Knight  
Carl Neutzling  
Dorey Diab  
Jenni Paramore  
Teresa Alt

Jenni called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Teresa posted the Ohio Medicaid update report that included some projections on Ohio recession and recovery projections.

There was discussion about childcare issues affecting worker's employment status. Unfortunately, the only childcare available is for essential workers until the centers can reopen. This will be an even greater concern in the fall if the local schools continue online learning or some hybrid model. There will not be enough childcare slots for working parents.

Another issue that is a workforce and educational equity issue is broadband access. School districts are providing a device for students if they need it, but access to Wi-Fi is another issue that will need addressed by the next school year. There is a movement to treat internet access as a basic utility service.

Lori reported on the Richland OMJ stats for January through April. There were 3,098 visits which was an increase from last year's 2,843 visits. There were only 16 training enrollments in the time period for 2020 and there were 24 training enrollments for that time period in 2019. There are not as many job openings, but 20% of the OMJ traffic was job seekers who were eager to get back to work as soon as possible.

