

RICHLAND-CRAWFORD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2022

11:30 A.M.

Job and Family Services Conference Room

Zoom meeting

Zoom Attendance

**Melinda Crall
Dorey Diab
Mandy Davis
Carl Neutzling
Erin Stine
Jill Gantt
Helen McNamara
Mitch Jacobsen
Angela Neef
Nikia Fletcher
Tionna Perdue
Sonja Pluck**

Physical Attendance

**Clint Knight
Crystal Davis-Weese
Lori Bedson
Tim Bowersock
Jeremy Knisely
Randa Payne
Jenni Paramore
Carmen Torrence
Teresa Alt**

Welcome and introductions

Outreach efforts

Teresa and Clint provided an overview of the outreach efforts which included billboards, articles in the Bucyrus Telegraph, Richland Source, WMFD, radio advertisements and sponsored articles. Clint discussed his progress on the video production and podcasts. Links to all the articles, podcasts, and WMFD were included in the handouts.

Fiscal Update

Carmen reviewed the updated fiscal report. There was a lot of discussion of how to utilize the funds to benefit the community. Unfortunately, there is not a lot of interest in training and there are very few dislocated workers seeking help at the OhioMeansJobs Centers. Teresa reviewed the allocations that were provided which indicate a 16.6 percent reduction in the next program year. Carmen noted that the area has not utilized any of the funds for the year beginning July 1, 2022, yet. This reduction takes effect in July 2023.

Carmen informed the Board that the Ohio Workforce Association has provided an opportunity to voluntarily trade or release funds to other areas instead of lapsing the funds to ODJFS. One benefit to releasing the funds to other areas is that those other areas may return the favor in the future if needed. Both Crawford and Richland will

review their obligations with their staff to make sure that all obligations have been accounted for. Jeremy sits on other area boards and notes that this is an issue all over the state of Ohio.

**Tim made a motion to give the Area fiscal agent permission to release funds as appropriate. Jeremy seconded the motion.
Roll call vote was taken.**

Dorey Diab	Yes
Melinda Crall	
Mandy Davis	Yes
Carl Neutzling	Yes
Helen McNamara	Yes
Nikia Fletcher	Yes
Sonja Pluck	Yes
Jeremy Knisely	Yes
Tim Bowersock	Yes
Jenni Paramore	Yes
Randa Payne	Yes

TANF Summer Employment

Teresa reported that the Youth and Family Council through a partnership with Richland Job and Family Services will provide a summer employment program. At this time, 73 youth have applied and there are over 130 work slots available.

Angela reported that Crawford will serve 25 youth. Mitch reported that Catalyst will be increase hours for their CCMEP youth who wish to work this summer also.

Nominating Committee

Jenni reported that she has been the Workforce Board Chair for nine years and would like to step down. She asked for volunteers to work with Teresa as the nominating committee. Teresa has been working on recruiting a new chair so the committee work will not be too difficult. Dorey Diab, Jill Gantt, and Crystal Davis Weese volunteered.

Business Resource Network Grant

Clint reported that the EmployMEPalooza was a success with 78 employers and 49 students attending. Nine employer videos have been completed. Four podcasts have aired. The wage survey is underway and will be sent out in early June. The Madison students completed their work-based learning project at Adena this spring.

Teresa directed everyone to their packet in which the Catholic Charities report was provided.

Crystal provided an overview of their BRN work.

NECIC connected with 8 new African American males, women/minority, and veteran owned businesses.

- NECIC started the 2 Micro Business class session.
- Connected the Micro business pitch winner to the Incubator and have monitored the progress
- Sent out 220+ business support, informative emails to business owners
- Complete 1 MBE and 1 DBE application for certification.