

**OHIO VALLEY EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING**

**TY MOORE, COG CHAIR
JAMES BOOTH, COG VICE-CHAIR
REBECCA SAFKO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



**MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2023 – NOON
LORI'S RESTAURANT, CALDWELL, OHIO**

Minutes

Attendance:

Diane Burkhart, Monroe County Commissioner
Mick Schumacher, Monroe County Commissioner
Bill Bolon, Monroe County Commissioner

Ty Moore, Noble County Commissioner
Gary Saling, Noble County Commissioner
Allen Fraley, Noble County Commissioner
Charles Schilling, Washington County Commissioner
Kevin Ritter, Washington County Commissioner
James Booth, Washington County Commissioner

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Safko, Executive Director, Ohio Valley Employment Resource
Michelle Hooper, Grants Assistant, Ohio Valley Employment Resource
Janell Comstock, Grants Coordinator, Ohio Valley Employment Resource
Jeanette Schwall, Director, Monroe County Department of Job & Family Services
Heidi Burns, Director, Morgan County Department of Job & Family Services (proxy for 3 Morgan commissioners)
Mindy Lowe, Director, Noble County Department of Job & Family Services
Flite Freimann, Director, Washington County Department of Job & Family Services
Michelle Brown, Washington County Department of Job & Family Services
Amanda Sutphin, Workforce Director, Washington County Department of Job & Family Services

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG started the meeting.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – November 7, 2022, Draft (Handout #1) **COG Motion 15-22 to accept the minutes. Motion by: James Booth; Second by Kevin Ritter: Motion passed.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Workforce Development Board Member-Noble is still considering their options.
- Governor's proposed \$500M in Appalachia – Buckeye Hills is organizing local efforts.
- Restructure future meetings – decided not to at this time.

WIOA AREA #15 ACTIVITIES

- OVER Expenditures as of 12/31/22 (Handout #2) were presented, 67% spent and discussed.
- Area 15 Expenditures as of 12/31/22 (Handout #3) were presented and discussed.
- WIOA PY22 Q1 Unadjusted Performance Report (Handout #4) together with
- WIOA PY21 Annual Unadjusted Performance Report (Handout #5) – the continued state problems in migration to the new customer tracking system, Aries, were noted.
- One-Stop counts and Operator report for October-December 2022 (Handout #6-7) were presented and discussed. One-Stop counts were up 5% and down significantly in referrals out.
- Partner & Resource Room Updates were shared including the upcoming one-stop moves in Morgan and Washington.

JOINT BOARDS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Regional Plan is being updated for the mid plan update, input was welcomed. OVER's status as an apprenticeship sponsor for water and wastewater as well as the VR career exploration outreach and training will be included.
- VR headsets are being borrowed by the schools and taken to local events. Outreach planned for those in recovery and the local libraries.
- Building a Future-Ready Workforce Grant
 - WCCC trailer wrap was shown.
 - JASON Learning Implementation Status Report for December (emailed only) was noted.

Policy updates approved at the WDB meeting were discussed as shown on (Handout #8) Discussion: Commissioners were not in favor of allowing self attest for a disability – this will be further researched as the state allows it and the applicability of narrowing the local supporting documentation. **COG Motion 16-22 to approve the 5 policies with changes identified on Handout #8, excluding 15-03 Youth Eligibility – disability self-attest (#5), pending further research. Motion by: James Booth; Second by Kevin Ritter: Motion passed.**

- Incumbent Worker Projects approved at the 2/6/23 WDB meeting, table below, totaling \$85,251.55.
 - Special Project funding received-100K WDB requested last meeting to allow increase without exceeding the maximum % allowable (these \$100K in training will be removed from the % calculation).

WIOA Agency	Company	Training	Credential	# to be trained	Cost	WIOA Share of Cost
*Monroe CDJFS	United Assoc Local 168 Apprentice Education Fund	Variety of skill sets-Basic Electrical Safety/Basic Residential electricity. Pipe Trades related science Intern. Trade Math & pipe Drafting, MCAA Foreman Certification trng, etc.	Local 168 JATC Plumbers & Pipefitters Marietta	29	\$30,753.34	\$27,678.01
*Washington CDJFS	Memorial Health Systems	AAPC CPC Coding Class	WCCC	9	\$57,741.48	\$28,870.74
*Washington CDJFS	Reno Oil & Gas LLC Inc	CDL Driver Training	WCCC	1	\$5,252.00	\$4,726.80
*Morgan CDJFS	Miba Bearing US LLC	ASHI CPR, First Aid & AED training	WCCC	29	\$2,035.00	\$1,017.50
Morgan CDJFS	Miba Bearing US LLC	Electrical Maintenance	Gosiger	3	\$6,450.00	\$3,513.75
Morgan CDJFS	Miba Bearing US LLC	Mechanical Maintenance	Gosiger	3	\$7,027.50	\$3,513.75
Washington CDJFS	Thermo Fisher Scientific	CDL Driver Training	WCCC	1	\$5,222.00	\$2,611.00
Washington CDJFS	Memorial Health Systems	Clinical procedures, theory and pharmacology	WCCC	9	\$27,304.32	\$13,320.00

- Career Navigator -proposed budget item in State budget to align workforce and schools for better assessment and outreach, including educating students on careers, especially local openings. Washington is interested.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: Mondays, 5/1/23, 8/7/23 and 11/6/23 at noon at Lori's Restaurant

ADJOURNMENT: COG Motion 17-22 to adjourn. Motion: Mick Schumacher; second: Gary Saling; motion passed.

Approved By: 

Date: 5-1-23