

VIRTUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2021 – Noon
OHIO VALLEY EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING

Dial-in number (US): (515) 606-5187 - Access code: 265562#

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Minutes

Attendance:

Bill Bolon, Monroe County Commissioner
Diane Burkhart, Monroe County Commissioner
Mick Schumacher, Monroe County Commissioner
Tom Bragg, Morgan County Commissioner
Richard Welsh, Morgan County Commissioner

Ty Moore, Noble County Commissioner
Brad Peoples, Noble County Commissioner
Charles Schilling, Noble County Commissioner
Kevin Ritter, Washington County Commissioner
Gary Saling, Washington County Commissioner

Others in Attendance:

Jeanette Schwall, Director, Monroe County Department of Job & Family Services
Heidi Burns, Director, Morgan County Department of Job & Family Services
Mindy Lowe, Director, Noble County Department of Job & Family Services
Rebecca Safko, Executive Director, Ohio Valley Employment Resource
Michelle Hooper, Grants Assistant, Ohio Valley Employment Resource

Welcome to the 4th virtual meeting

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Ty Moore, COG Vice Chair.

Reminders of upcoming workforce meetings:

Virtual Appalachian Ohio Manufacturing Coalition (AOMC) quarterly meeting February 2nd, 9:00-10:30am; contact Rebecca at rebecca@omj15.com if interested.

Virtual Job Fair February 10th, 10:00am-2:00pm

Job Seeker Resources at: <https://hireboom.work/area-15-vcf-resources/>

Virtual New Member/Refresher Orientation February 18th, 10:00-11:00am

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – November 2, 2020 Draft (Handout #1) **COG Motion 16-20 to accept the November 2, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion by: Kevin Ritter; Second by: Ty Moore. Motion passed.**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Monroe – Diane Burkhart and Bill Bolon

Morgan – Richard Welsh

Noble – Gary Saling

Washington – Charles Schilling and James Booth

COVID-19 Weekly mailings to UC recipients were shared on the agenda. Unemployment updates were given.

WIOA AREA #15 ACTIVITIES

- OVER Expenditures as of 12/31/20 were at 29% of budget.
- Expenditures as of 12/31/20 were at 20.72% of allocation in all grants. The need to increase expenditures to fully utilize by 6/30/21 all remaining 18-19 and 19-20 year funding was stressed, or if unexpended by 6/30/21, they return to the state. The need for increased work expenditure in youth was also emphasized.
- WIOA PY20 Q1 Unadjusted Performance Report were presented and discussed.
- One-Stop counts October - December 2020, were lower than prior quarter and were discussed.
- One-Stop Report by WCDJFS, One-Stop Operator, was presented and discussed.

COG Motion 17-20 to accept the state's offer to do a one year MOU extension for 21-22 instead of a full renegotiation. Motion by: Tom Bragg; Second by: Kevin Ritter. Motion passed.

- Social Media Outreach Update given.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- COVID NDWG funding: \$266,802, till 6/30/22 for dislocated workers. This funding was initially accepted due to the uncertainty of COVID and the multiple WARN notices received by various American Energy subsidiaries. Locally, we have been using these funds for the unemployment claimant outreach but no county has indicated need for program funding based on multiple offers to the counties. American Energy WARN notice times have past, state has not successfully communicated w/them under rapid response protocol but bankruptcy is completed per media. **COG Motion 18-20 to retain \$20,000 for outreach and return the remaining \$246,680 to the state so we can focus on spending carryover DW. Motion by: Tom Bragg; Second by: Ty Moore. Motion passed.**
- Incumbent Worker Projects of \$58,677.51 were presented and noted approved by the WDB, they are:

WIOA Agency	Company	Training	Credential	# to be trained	Cost	WIOA Share of Cost
Monroe CDJFS	United Assoc Local 168 Apprentice Education Fund	Variety:welding, fabrication, backflow tester, rigging/ signaling, drafting, etc.	Local 168 JATC Plumbers & Pipefitters Marietta	42	\$33,733.96	\$25,300.47
Washington CDJFS	Marietta Electrical JATC	Electricians' Apprenticeship	Marietta Electrical JATC	32	\$26,918.94	\$24,227.04
Washington CDJFS	Micro Machining Works Inc.	Advanced MasterCam	FASTech, Inc.	4	\$2,500.00	\$2,250.00
Washington CDJFS	Profusion Industries	Electrical Repair	WCCC	11	\$13,800.00	\$6,900.00

- Business Outreach: WDB Business Committee (Allen Fraley, Jr., Sherri Becker and Jesse Roush) met on November 13 and December 11, 2020
 - Planning: SEOhio Virtual HR series for Employers: once a week over 4 weeks (April 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 10:30am), 45 minute sessions
 - Topics: State of Talent & Retention, Attraction & Branding, Generations & Culture and Structural Onboarding & On the Job Training.

Peggy Mason resigned as Business Specialist. Exit interview to be scheduled.

- Opioid Grant Update – grant ends March 2021; State has requested a 1 year extension from Dept. of Labor; State recently announced that they will be releasing 3 video modules geared toward Employers and Employees.
 - Buckeye Hills contract - Opioid Resource Navigator continues to work on the MyRecoveryLink.org site; Bret Allphin resigned his position 12/31/20; since they were unable to hire a Mobility Manager they will not be able to utilize \$150K of their original contract without the extension.
 - Noble CDJFS - Program Development and Research Associate has been researching Drug Court funding & feasibility; identify training needs for law enforcement; assisting clients with available resources, referrals to WIOA
 - W/M CAP – completed the portion of the grant early December

Per the Workforce Development Board, we will wait 30 days to learn of the DOL decision on extension requested.

- Flood Grant Update– W/M CAP ended operation of the grant in early December. Remaining supplies & trailers are detailed on handout. At the conclusion of a grant, remaining supplies not meeting the DOL definition of equipment can be transferred to another entity operating federal grant(s) that could benefit from the remaining supplies.
 - W/M CAP suggested that we offer the trailers to Washington County Commissioners, Malta Village & Wayne National Forest.
 - OVER asked WIOA counties of their interest: Washington and Noble Counties expressed interest.

WDB discussed the options and awarded remaining supplies to: Malta Village, Noble and Washington Counties, providing that a release is signed acknowledging other federal usage. If any of those three decline then Wayne National Forest is to be a substitute.

COG Motion 19-20 to ratify the WDB decision: remaining supplies to: Malta Village, Noble and Washington Counties, providing that a release is signed acknowledging other federal usage. If any of those three decline then Wayne National Forest is to be a substitute. Motion by: Ty Moore; Second by:

Tom Bragg. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING None identified at this time.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: Mondays, 5/3/21-tentatively in person, 8/2/21 and 11/1/21 at Noon at Lori's Restaurant as meeting guidelines permit.

ADJOURNMENT: COG Motion 20-20 to adjourn. Motion by: Tom Bragg; Second by: Ty Moore. Motion passed.

Approved By: Adam Shurci
COG Chair or Vice Chair

Date: 5-3-21