

FEBRUARY 4, 2019 – NOON
OHIO VALLEY EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING
LORI'S RESTAURANT, CALDWELL, OHIO
Minutes

Attendance:

Carl Davis, Monroe County Commissioner	Ty Moore, Noble County Commissioner
Tim Price, Monroe County Commissioner	Brad Peoples, Noble County Commissioner
Mick Schumacher, Monroe County Commissioner	Ron Feather, Washington County Commissioner
Adam Shriver, Morgan County Commissioner	David White, Washington County Commissioner
Mike Reed, Morgan County Commissioner	Kevin Ritter, Washington County Commissioner
Tom Bragg, Morgan County Commissioner	

Others in Attendance:

Jeanette Schwall, Director, Monroe County Department of Job & Family Services
Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Morgan County Department of Job & Family Services
Ginger Bowen, Workforce Director, Morgan County Department of Job & Family Services
Mindy Lowe, Director, Noble County Department of Job & Family Services
Flite Freimann, Director, Washington County Department of Job & Family Services
Rebecca E. Safko, Executive Director, Ohio Valley Employment Resource
Michelle Hooper, Grants Assistant, Ohio Valley Employment Resource

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Carl Davis, COG Chair.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES COG Motion 12-18 to accept the November 5, 2018 minutes. Motion: Mike Reed; Second: David White; motion passed.

WIOA AREA #15 ACTIVITIES

- OVER line item Expenditures as of 12/31/18 were presented and discussed, 43% spent.
- Area Expenditures as of 12/31/18 were presented and discussed, 26.68% spent. Potential of returning DW funding to the state due to lack of expenditures was addressed.
- Performance Report for Q1 WIOA PY18 was presented and discussed
- One-Stop counts Oct-Dec., 2018, prepared by OVER were presented and discussed. Both counts and referrals were down, holidays/weather/hunting are possible reasons.
- CDL Job Fair – plan to hold 1-2 throughout remaining program year, focusing on DW Inviting Area Employers, Trainers and Job Seekers.

JOINT COG/WDB ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- WDB Bylaws (revisions: quorum/proxy/attendance/State Board)- WDB proxy will be majority of members (proxy still being researched at state) with 3 counties updated; state/local joint membership allowable; non-attendance without advance notice twice consecutively will result in email to ascertain if they wish to continue membership.
- Upcoming Program Year, 7/1/19-6/30/20:
 - One-stop Operator: WCDJFS, renewable to 6/30/2021. Must be procured if not renewed.
 - WIOA formula: Each CDJFS;
 - Youth renewable to 6/30/2021. Must be procured if not renewed.
 - Adult/DW can be sub granted without procurement; procured; or procured w/one-stop operator.

COG Motion 13-18 Ratification of WDB motion to extend all above contracts for 7/1/19-6/30/20 based on summary of monitoring results (newness of a variety of staff was mentioned as a concern in future) Motion: Ron Feathers; Second: Tim Price; motion passed.

- Disaster Grant Update provided add'l details on the full grant, whereas the area expense report just provides the current increment of funding and current expenditures.
- Partner updates
 - Labor Exchange Workforce Specialist – the State is looking to add on add'l staff to the Washington County One-Stop that will serve the Area, working with employers.
 - Economic Development Region (BH-HVRDD) update on Workforce funding was presented and discussed. Discussion focused on how the counties benefitting were determined. OVER deferred as it was not determined by OVER, just presented as a basis for discussion on

- incumbent worker currently being provided in area.
- Flite spoke on adding WSCC as a one-stop partner and also providing services at the Orianna house as Aspire does.
- Policy Revision –Incumbent Worker Training Policy.
Current: Occupational skill training (individual training accounts): Training that leads to an industry recognized credential or a certificate. WIOAPL No. 15-11, Use of Individual Training Accounts, provides additional requirements for ITAs.
WDB approved addition: Skills upgrading and retraining: Short-term training that enhances occupation-specific skills or basic skills that lead to a credential/certificate.
- Regional Plan Modification submitted and approved by State. Thank you to committee. Updated plan located at www.omj15.com.

OLD BUSINESS

- WDB Orientation Packet for new members was emailed for COG review. Orientation Introduction was held prior to this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Opioid NEG Proposed by State, potentially \$255,022 WIOA15. Goal to train workers and aid in recovery, not prevention-only. Area operators feel subcontracts will be necessary.
COG 14-18 Motion on acceptance of opioid funding (if State approved by DOL) and to allow subcontracts to qualified entities based on individual county opioid/substance abuse committee recommendations. Motion: David White; Second: Stephen Bond; motion passed.
- OVER mileage rate – discussion of county rates and the change in federal rate. COG felt no change was necessary.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- COG suggestions – none at this time

FUTURE MEETING DATES: Monday, 5/6/19, 8/5/19 and 11/4/19 at Noon at Lori's Restaurant

ADJOURNMENT COG Motion 15-18 to adjourn. Motion: David White; second: Mike Reed; motion passed.

Approved By:


COG Chair or Vice Chair

Date:

5-6-2019