

MEETING MINUTES
OhioMeansJobs Lake County Partner Meeting
December 4, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.
Lake County Department of Job and Family Service

Partner Representatives in Attendance

Carrie Dotson, Lifeline
Terry Schepley, Goodwill
Eric Schwartz, Goodwill
Vickie Cook, ODJFS
Carolyn O'Connor, OOD

Staff in Attendance

Leslie Ryan, LCDJFS
Matthew Battiato, LCDJFS

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. and each attendee was asked to introduce themselves to the group. We were pleased to have Eric Schwartz from Goodwill present. He is the new CEO of Goodwill. Minutes of the September 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Carrie Dotson made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Matt Battiato.

Leslie Ryan reviewed the final Balanced Scorecard through September 30, 2014. All of our measures are on target except for our direct placement numbers. We are developing strategies to get back on track. Mr. Schwartz expressed interest in having Goodwill involved in future meeting discussions about the performance measures.

Leslie Ryan talked about the Retail/Seasonal Job Fair held in collaboration with The City of Mentor. The event was held on a day in which many offices closed early due to inclement weather conditions (November 13). Twelve employers and 26 job seekers braved the elements. Despite the weather conditions, the employers were satisfied with the quality of the applicants.

Mone Givner was not able to present on the Veterans Priority of Service as planned today. Leslie advised the Partners that the Veterans Priority of Service Policy has been drafted and submitted to Columbus for their review/approval. Once this is done, the Policy will be posted in the OMJ Lake Center and to our website. We will review compliance with this policy at our Quarterly OMJ Lake Partner Meetings.

Leslie Ryan discussed the Rapid Response events held for the affected workers at the City of Eastlake. Fifteen individuals were let go. We held the employee orientation on November 20th. Ten employees attended. Eight signed up for a Job Skills Workshop and four attended the workshop held here on December 3rd.

Leslie reported that three agency staff and all three youth providers will be attending an OWD Regional Training in Akron on December 15th on WIA Youth Performance Measures.

Terry Schepley announced that they have hired a new Program Manager, Isiah Salters. He has already visited OMJ Lake to meet staff. They have also hired a new Life Skills Instructor, Carol Bradford who is eager to develop and schedule workshops.

Vickie talked about the RACI Meeting and the follow-up session. We have already put some of the recommendations into practice.

Carolyn mentioned that their new Business Developer, Sue Krejci has been to OMJ Lake and has met agency staff. Julie Wayman is full-time at OMJ Lake and is assigned as the Liaison with Beacon Health. Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities will be providing “Windmills Training” to employers. The training is module based and is aimed at raising employers awareness of the limitations often imposed on people with disabilities due to either a lack of knowledge or low expectations.

Carrie mentioned that in January 2015 that they will have money for Job Training. They will also be running Tax Clinics again for low income individuals.

Director Battiato talked about the transition from WIA to WIOA which will include the development and implementation of a State, Regional and Local Plan.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 am. The next meeting is Thursday, March 5 at 9:00 am.