

MEETING MINUTES
OhioMeansJobs Lake County Partner Meeting
June 4, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.
Lake County Department of Job and Family Service

Partner Representatives in Attendance

Carrie Dotson, Lifeline
Melissa Winfiled, Lake Metro Housing
Vickie Cook, ODJFS
Dan Koncos, ODJFS
Gretchen Skok-Disanto, Lakeland Community College
Marty Gareau, Lake County Port Authority
Carolyn O'Connor, OOD
Michelle Stowe-Caya, ODJFS Veterans

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. The Minutes of the March 5, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Carrie Dotson made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dan Koncos.

Leslie Ryan provided an update of WIOA. We are moving forward with the transition and will be providing regular updates as we get more information. The WIOA area designation is on hold but we will be making the required changes to our WIB which will be renamed as the Workforce Development Board (WDB). Leslie Ryan reviewed the Balanced Scorecard as of March 31, 2015. We are on track in all areas. Our direct placement numbers are now on track and we continue to have ongoing discussions with our placements staff in order to stay the course. We show a “caution” sign in the area of our “Taxpayer ROI” but we have shown improvements and expect to meet this measure.

Leslie talked about a new Training Provider, “Action in Motion” who provides CDL Training. They are located in Ashtabula and are also a training provider with Lifeline with positive results. Leslie and Vickie Cook talked about the Reverse Job Fair (RJF) which was held on April 30 at Lake Erie College. Event sponsors included Lake Erie College, The City of Painesville, Bella Donna Salon and Suit Yourself. A Reverse Job Fair takes the typical job fair and “reverses” it. We put Job Ready, Job Seekers at a booth that allows them to show off their knowledge, skills, and abilities while employers get to walk around and speak to qualified candidates. Reverse Job Fairs have been held in some parts of the state but are a relatively new concept. Job seekers are prepared to market themselves by attending mandatory workshops, mandatory resume, portfolio, and interviewing workshops as well as real-world interaction with local businesses prior to the event. The planning began on February 2, 2015. We had a lot of partner participation, including Veterans Services and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities. Of the 18 participants, six have obtained employment.

Michelle Stowe-Caya talked about Veterans Priority of Service. She told us about the resources available at ohiomeansveteranjobs.com. She said that there are no new veteran categories to report and that training sessions are being planned for July. Terry Morgan our Veteran Liaison will be notified. Michele advised the group that another Veterans-only job fair is scheduled for

the end of June.

Leslie Ryan talked about our library outreach events. On May 15th, we held a general recruitment even at Mentor Public Library which attracted 68 job seekers.

Dan advised that the ODJFS is now under the Office of Workforce Development. They hope that this will afford them to have more input into the delivery of programs. A total of 46 staff have lost jobs throughout Ohio; none in our region. Reemployment Eligibility Assessment sessions (REA) are no longer occurring and are being replaced by Reemployment Services and Eligibility Sessions (RESEA). A pilot is taking place in ten counties.

Gretchen spoke about the Business Symposium which took place at Lakeland Community College. Ohiomeansjobs Lake County was a sponsor and attended the event. They are wrapping up plans for their building expansion on the Health Building (building H). Ground breaking will occur in one year. The welding classes at LCC have doubled in size due to a grant. Gretchen advised that she has accepted a new position at LCC as a full-time Business Management Instructor.

Vickie talked about the Unemployment Compensation Reemployment session (UCRS) are still occurring once per week and individuals still have the option of doing this on-line. She spoke about changes for the HB2 claimants. They still need to upload their resume in Ohiomeansjobs and to complete their career profile in order to received UC benefits. They no longer have to complete the workkeys assessments.

Carrie mentioned that they are starting nutrition classes next week. These will be held three times per month. She spoke about their summer crisis utility assistance and that they still have funds for short-term training.

Melissa Winfield advised that they have openings for subsidized housing at a new location in at Parkview Place located in Willoughby on Erie Road. They have a total of 25 public housing units available and are accepting applications. She said that their family Self-Sufficiency program has decreased.

Marty said that as part of the SBA Loan Committee that they had a good year with ten new loans being approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 am. The next meeting is Thursday, September 3rd at 9:00