

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**OhioMeansJobs Lake County Partners Meeting**  
**September 3, 2014 – 10:10 a.m.**  
**Lake County Department of Job and Family Service**

**Partner Representatives in Attendance**

Carrie Dotson, Lifeline  
Daniel Koncos, ODJFS  
Vickie Cook, ODJFS  
Maggie Lynch, Auburn Career Center  
Carolyn O'Connor, OOD  
S. Mone Givner, ODJFS/Vets.

**Staff in Attendance**

Leslie Ryan, LCDJFS  
Matthew Battiato, LCDJFS

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. and each attendee was asked to introduce themselves to the group. Minutes of the June 26, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Matt Battiato made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dan Koncos. Leslie Ryan reviewed the final Balanced Scorecard through June 30, 2014 and introduced the PY 2014 Balanced Scorecard. We have four (4) new performance measures and have increased a few of our Targets. Matt Battiato pointed out that the Scorecard makes some reference to "Lake1Stop". This will be updated to read "OhioMeansJobs Lake County" A motion was made to approve the new Scorecard. Maggie Lynch made the motion; seconded by Dan Koncos.

Leslie Ryan talked about a letter mailed to our WIA Youth Providers about OMJ Enhancements. HB 393 now requires ODE to notify all Ohio High Schools each year about OMJ. In turn, High Schools are required to notify parents and students about OMJ. OMJ for youth replaces the OCIS System. The site is "kid friendly" and will help a youth transition to OMJ site after graduation. Dan Koncos advised that Mark Birnbrich announced that he will be providing OMJ training to all Workforce Areas in Ohio. We would welcome the opportunity and will include partners and youth providers. Dan will keep us informed.

Leslie Ryan and Dan Koncos talked about the RACI training that was provided in Lake County last week. This was training for Rapid Response team members. It was a valuable and comprehensive training facilitated by Carol Wargo. As a result of the training, we plan to have additional meetings to cover related topics. Leslie Ryan developed a form and showed this to the group. All felt it was a good way to communicate singular layoff events which will be entered into OhioRed.

OMJ Lake will be sponsoring "Think Manufacturing" Expo again this year. It will be held at South High School. It has been forwarded to our WIA Youth providers. The event is free and is designed to help youth learn more about future high tech careers in manufacturing. They will be able to connect with local employers. It will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. OMJ Lake will have two Agency representatives on hand.

Dan spoke about the Ohio Learn to Earn Initiative. He is happy to report that Mark Goffinet has formed a nice partnership with our Business Services Rep., Christina Dakis. On that end, Leslie Ryan met with Mark Goffinet and Vickie Cook to discuss the utilization of OMJ Folders. Mark

Goffinet has offered to create these and they will be shared folders with all OMJ Lake Staff. Staff can access resumes here and put resumes here. Folders are organized by occupation, such as CNC, Welder, Construction, Retail, etc. Dan Koncos was happy to hear that progress has been made and noted that other Workforce areas are not this far along.

Leslie Ryan reported that we held a Veterans only Job Fair here on August 26<sup>th</sup> with Lincoln Electric. Mone Givner spoke with Lincoln Electric after the event and they were extremely happy with the candidates and expressed interest in having other events here at OMJ Lake County. Sixteen Veterans attended the event.

Dan and Vickie Cook reported that we will be holding OMJ Phase II Training here this month. Jonathan Juvancic will be conducting the hands on training.

Carolyn O'Connor reports that their new Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Julie is here now. She has a lot of experience and has acclimated well. OOD no longer has a waiting list. All of their consumers will be required to register in OMJ. They will be having a Job Fair sometime in October. A total of 35 employers are already on board and approximately 200 consumers will attend. Lastly, OOD will be hiring a new Business Services Analyst by the end of this month. We will plan on having a joint meeting once the hire has been made to coordinate services. Mone Givner reports that they will be holding a Job Fair at Midway Mall on September 11, 2014. The event will be open to Veterans only between 10:00 am-12 noon and then open to all job seekers until 3:00 p.m. Mone was also happy to report that they have training funds available for in-demand occupations. Staff can refer Veterans to Michele Stowe-Caya to determine eligibility. At present, they are looking at securing discretionary funds for training. Mone also reports that her staff now has read-only access to WIA. The Veterans Referral Form is available as of today. Mone will provide this so we can begin using and offered training if needed. L. Ryan advised that we would like to arrange training for all staff in the Career Center. Mone also advised that she will make sure that we can access Veterans folders in OMJ and refer them to employers. She would just like an assurance that we report when a Vet was referred and if hired. Maggie Lynch was happy to report that a "spotlight" is now on Career and Technical Schools for a positive reason. Auburn Career Center will pilot career/technical education courses for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Auburn is also piloting a new STEM school. Decisions will be made about introducing a model to students beginning in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade by 2016. Painesville ABLE will be expanding due to an increase in the number of individuals in their database. In 2012-2013 there were about 200 in the database. As of now, there are over 600 individuals in the database. Following the flood in Fairport, Auburn has relocated the lab to their location and renovations are underway for the FAB Lab at Auburn. She reports that the GED test is challenging. Auburn is also working on developing a STEM Distance learning Program in Geauga.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 am. The next meeting is Thursday, December 4 at 10:00 am.