

MEETING OF THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
Wednesday – June 10, 2015 @ 11:30 AM
Lake County Department of Job & Family services
177 Main Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Board Roll Call:

Eric Barbe	Matt Battiato	Carolyn O’Connor
Sandy Halpert	Spence Kline	Terry Lazar
Patricia McAteer	Carrie Dotson	Keith Hocevar
Allen Weaver	Maggie Lynch (P)	Dan Deitrick
Eric Wachob	Maxine O’Mara	Marty Gareau
Gretchen Skok-Disanto	Lou Falk	
Cindy Hutchison	Gale Leonard-Stawieri	

Others in Attendance

Bob Dawson, LCDJFS	Leslie Ryan, LCDJFS
Vickie Cook, ODJFS	Mone’ Givner, ODJFS
Lake County Commissioner Judy Moran	Lake County Commissioner Dan Troy

I. Call to Order and

Introductions.....Allen Weaver

Chairman Allan Weaver called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM following a boxed lunch. Allen recognized Lake County Commissioners Judy Moran and Dan Troy. Leslie Ryan introduced Mone’ Giver and Michelle Stowe-Caya with the ODJFS’ Veterans Office. Allen then introduced the meeting’s Spotlight Speaker Vickie Cook from ODJFS. Vickie presented an interesting and informative PowerPoint on the recent Reverse Job Fair held in Lake County. Following her presentation Vickie answered several questions on the process and outcomes.

II. Old Business:

Chairman Weaver asked for approval of the minutes from the April 15, 2015 meeting. Gretchen Skok-DiSanto moved to approve the minutes; Eric Barbe seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

III. Administrator’s Report.....Bob Dawson

Bob reviewed the WIOA Local Area Designation Application submitted by the Lake County Commissioners. The application requests that Lake County receive a designation to continue as

a Local Workforce Area and included an extensive list of reasons why we should be so designated. Bob added that he had heard all 20 existing areas across the state had requested their current designation as is with the exception of Portage County which requested to be moved from the GAP (Geauga/Ashtabula/Portage) to join the Summit/Medina Workforce Area. There have been no further announcements from the Office of Workforce Development on this matter. Bob said that he really hoped the Workforce Office reviewed our submission closely and with an open mind since we meet every criteria suggested by WIOA with the exception of us not being part of a MSA. Bob also reviewed the recently released WIOA funding schedule showing our combined PY15 and FY16 allocations increasing by 32.3% over current WIA funding levels. This is the largest funding increase in Ohio and we have not yet been given an explanation for the large increase.

A. One-Stop Committee.....Leslie Ryan for Dan Koncos

Leslie Ryan reported that the OhioMeansJobs Lake County One-Stop Committee last met on June 4th. She advised the committee that we have a new Approved Training Provider - Action in Motion. They are in Ashtabula and offer CDL training. A few staff visited the location in May. Leslie reviewed the Balanced Scorecard through March 31, 2015 and announced that we are on target in all areas now. A lot of focus has been placed on improving our direct placements and we are on track to exceed the stated goal. Vickie Cook advised the committee that HB2 requirements changed for those receiving unemployment. Job seekers are no longer required to complete a Workkeys Assessment. UCRS sessions have increased and are now being held here one time per week. Individuals still have the option of completing this on- line. Mone Givner reviewed Veterans Priority of Service and advised that no new Veteran categories have been added. She spoke about the resources available for Veterans through OhiomeansVeteran Jobs.com. State staff participated in the webinar and the resources have been shared with our Veterans Liaison, Terry Morgan. Training will be held in July and local staff will be included in the training.

B. Planning & Program Committee.....Eric Barbe

Eric reminded the board that last year he reported on the success we were having with the Ohio Works Incentive Program. These are TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) funds being allocated through the Office of Workforce Development. The funds are meant to incentivize Cash Assistance clients to become employed, get off welfare and become self-sufficient. There was a report in the handouts showing the utilization of this program statewide. Eric stated that we are one of the smallest Workforce Areas in Ohio. We are Area #5 on the report, Area #3 is Cleveland/Cuyahoga, Area#7 is made up of 42 counties across the state and includes the City of Dayton, Area #11 is Columbus/Franklin, Area#13 is Hamilton/Cincinnati and Area #14 is made up of Athens, Meigs and Perry counties having the highest poverty level in the state. Through the month of May, we have utilized \$345,000 to award 128 employment and retention incentives. The state recently announced that this program will continue through June 30, 2016.

Eric also directed the board’s attention to Section III of the report in the handouts. That section of the report tracks each Area’s numbers and % of Individualized Training Accounts that were written for training directly related to In-Demand jobs. The report shows we have a 98% effective rate since last July 1’ 2014.

C. Marketing Committee..... Gretchen Skok-DiSanto

Gretchen reported on the Reverse Job fair which was held on April 30, 2015 at Lake Erie College. There were 18 job seekers and twenty six representatives from twenty different businesses attended. We had good partner involvement, including ODJFS, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities and Veterans Services. Lake Erie College, The City of Painesville, Bella Donna Salon and Suit Yourself were event sponsors. All participants received an offer for an interview or a follow-up contact from a participating employer. To date eight (8) individuals have gained employment that we know of. We have had discussions regarding plans for another event in the fall. OMJ – Lake held a recruitment event at Mentor Library on May 15th which attracted 68 job seekers. Due to the success of this event, we will have another event at this location. Gretchen also reported on that Lake County JFS was a sponsor for the Business Symposium at Lakeland Community College on June 5th. Leslie Ryan staffed a booth for OMJ-Lake and made a lot of good contacts. It was a great networking event with useful workshop sessions.

D. Youth Council Committee.....Gale Leonard-Stawieri

Gale reported that the Youth Program procurement and evaluation process was delayed this year until the staff had the opportunity to attend a number of WIOA Youth training sessions and review the “proposed” rules from the Department of Labor. The Youth Council met on May 5th to review the results from the Request for Proposal that was published March 13th. The committee reviewed the tabulated results of the procurement which was assembled by the Evaluation Team. A summary of that information was in the meeting handouts behind the Youth Tab. As a result of that meeting, the committee made recommendations to the Commissioners. They then gave their approval for the staff to negotiate and develop contracts for Youth Program Providers to begin the new WIOA programming July 1st. Gail offered that the Youth Council’s recommendations for program contracts were represented by the list of resolutions in the meeting handouts which need WIB approval so they can be executed in final form. WIOA and other changes in the Federal Register have required a complete rewrite of the actual Service Contracts. Gail deferred to Bob Dawson to answer any questions and to Chairman Weaver will take the lead on the resolutions.

Following some explanation by Bob Dawson, Chairman Weaver entertained the following actions:

Lou Faulk made a motion for a Resolution to the Lake County Commissioners recommending the establishment of a contract with Catholic Charities Corporation of Lake County, to provide Youth Services during Program Year 2015, in the amount of \$269,883.03 for 50 slots including 10 slots (\$50,988.71) for Independent Living Youth. Gail Leonard-Stawieri seconded the motion; all were in favor; Motion carried; Spence Kline abstained.

Dan Deitrick moved for a Resolution to the Lake County Commissioners recommending the establishment of a contract with OhioGuidestone to provide Youth Services during Program Year 2015, in the amount of \$150,746.00 for 20 slots. Matt Battiato seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Eric Wachob moved for a Resolution to the Lake County Commissioners recommending the establishment of a contract with Goodwill Industries of Ashtabula, Inc., to provide Youth Services during Program Year 2015, in the amount of \$160,049.00 for 20 slots. Marty Gareau seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Dan Deitrick motioned a Resolution to **not** recommend the establishment of a contract with Dynamic Educational Systems, Inc., to provide Youth Services during Program Year 2015, in the amount of \$449,803.17 for 50 slots. Gretchen Skok-DiSanto seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

V. Adjournment.....Allen Weaver

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM by call of the Chair.