

MEETING MINUTES
LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
One-Stop Partner Committee Meeting
Held via Zoom conference on:
October 20, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Committee Roll Call

Gretchen Skok-Disanto	John Roberts
Carrie Dotson	Teresa Vargin
William Moore	

Others in Attendance

Cory Vojack, LCWDB, Ex. Director
Leslie Ryan, LCDJFS
Shawn Douglas, LCDJFS

Call to Order:

Committee Chair Carrie Dotson called the meeting to order at 10:03AM.

Approval of Minutes:

Gretchen Skok-Disanto moved for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of March 23, 2016; William Moore seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Introductions/Current Events:

Cory Vojack reported that the OhioMeansJobs Lake County team has been very active in the last program quarter. Cory stressed the importance of collaboration with our partners and mentioned the continued initiatives to engage in events and outreach that lead to positive outcomes. Cory also mentioned the OMJ team's Facebook Ad campaign assisted with hiring a Social Media consultant, as well as the release of the team's new podcast series, North Coast Careers: Lake County's Workforce Beacon.

Teresa Vargin, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, reported on OOD's efforts on in-person hiring events in Cuyahoga County, as well as virtual events to assist clients into entry-level positions.

John Roberts, Project Director with Vantage Aging Solutions, gave a brief overview of this program, providing work experience for senior citizens ages 55 and older, along with explaining the counties he serves. Ashland County was recently added to his service area. He also mentioned that he is currently searching for more training sites for clients.

William Moore, Program Delivery Manager of ODJFS, explained his role and supervision of the Jobs for Veterans program. He mentioned his coordination with local Disabled Veteran's Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialists to address barriers to employment with their clients.

Gretchen Skok-Disanto, Professor, Business Management and Director, Entrepreneurship Center Business Advisor, Ohio Small Business Development Center at Lakeland Community College, gave an overview of the numerous degrees and certifications Lakeland Community College offer and their benefit to the local workforce ecosystem.

Carrie Dotson, Executive Director of Lifeline Inc, and Chair of the One-Stop Committee introduced herself and explained her role and what Lifeline provides for the community by assisting in improving the quality of life for residents in Lake & Geauga Counties. Carrie mentioned preparation for upcoming tax clinics for clients in January in the Perry, Painesville, and Wickliffe areas. Carrie also mentioned Lifeline is preparing for the upcoming HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) winter workload to best serve clients in need during the colder winter months.

Shawn Douglas mentioned coordination with local city and government departments on successful hiring events during the first quarter. Staff assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Department of Utilities, and Department of Job & Family Services in exclusive hiring events that yielded positive outcomes. Shawn mentioned the satisfaction from all departments on producing qualified candidates and scheduling of the interviews. Shawn reiterated the importance that the OhioMeansJobs Facebook page has had in outreach and response to recruitment for open positions. Shawn also mentioned the upcoming Veterans Hiring Event on November 15th at the Mentor Public Library.

Balanced Scorecard Report:

Leslie Ryan reviewed the Area 5 Balanced Scorecard for Program year 2022 through the first completed Quarter. Lake County uses this as a tool to evaluate internal performance and goals within the OhioMeansJobs Lake County program. Leslie reviewed performance measures within Outreach, Customer Service, Internal Operations, Accountability, and Fiscal categories. Cory Vojack spoke briefly on the fiscal category and mentioned how well the OhioMeansJobs Lake County team did in Quarter 1 of this program year.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Gretchen Skok-Disanto moved for adjournment at 10:31 AM. William Moore seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.