

LAKE COUNTY YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 28th, 2023

2:00 PM

@ Lake County Department of Job & Family Services

Members Attending the Meeting

Keith Montesano

Mindy Hughes

Lisa Sturgil (P)

Heidi Fyffe

Brian Bontempo

Diana Dilisio

Staff Attending

Cory Vojack

Brigid Corbett

Sarah Thompson

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mindy Hughes at 2:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Heidi Fyffe moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 5, 2022; the motion was seconded by Brian Bontempo. All were in favor; the motion carried.

New Member Introductions:

Cory Vojack introduced and welcomed new members to the youth committee, Keith Montesano, intake supervisor with the Lake County Common Pleas Court – Juvenile Division, and Diana Dilisio, Executive Assistant with the Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority.

WIOA Youth and CCMEP Program Status:

Bridgid Corbett gave an overview of the CCMEP program and status updates of each service provider. She explained that Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program was introduced in 2016 and that we currently have two service providers: Catholic Charities and Ohio Guidestone. Each provider has spots for 60 participants so we can serve a total of 120 participants. Each is contracted to provide 14 CCMEP services such as paid work experience, financial management, and leadership development. Service providers use the Goal4 It! case management model to help the participants create goals. They have a large goal and then create smaller goals and action steps to reach their goals.

After a discussion of the current strengths and weaknesses of each provider, Bridgid gave the committee recommendations on suggestions and best practices to assist the providers in the improvement of their weak points. The committee also gave recommendations like the 22+ program to assist older CCMEP participants in getting into a work program while obtaining GED credentialing.

Provider Recommendations:

Cory Vojack discussed the service provider's contract cycle and following contract discussions, Cory read the recommended resolutions and the committee took the following actions:

Brian Bontempo moved to the Lake County Workforce Development Board recommending the establishment of a contract with Catholic Charities Corporation of Lake County, to provide CCMEP Services during Program Year 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$504,484 for sixty (60) slots, subject to final contract negotiations. Keith Montesano seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Heidi Fyffe made a motion to the Lake County Workforce Development Board recommending the establishment of a contract with OhioGuidestone to provide CCMEP Services during Program Year 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$569,473 for sixty (60) slots, subject to final contract negotiations. Brian Bontempo seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.

New Business:

Mr. Bontempo gave the committee an update on the current initiatives with Auburn Career Center. He mentioned the school is in process of developing a Fire training facility and public safety training building for its Firefighter, EMS, and paramedic programs. Mr. Bontempo also mentioned Auburn Career Centers' collaboration with Lake Erie College on ramping up their teacher training program. This will provide a much-needed boost to the education field by specifically addressing the need for instructors by providing teachers aids within the local school districts to valuable experience and assistance to faculty.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the call of the chair at 2:35 PM.