

MEETING MINUTES
OhioMeansJobs Lake County Partner Meeting
March 23, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.
Lake County Department of Job and Family Service

Partner Representatives in Attendance

Daniel Koncos, ODJFS
Gretchen Skok-Disanto, Lakeland Community College
Vickie Cook, ODJFS
Melissa Winfield, Lake Metropolitan Housing
Carolyn O'Connor, Opportunities for Ohioans
with Disabilities (OOD)

Staff in Attendance

Leslie Ryan, LCDJFS
Bob Dawson, WDB
Shawn Douglas, LCDJFS
Matt Battiato, LCDJFS
Heather Mauk (OOD)

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. and each attendee was asked to introduce themselves to the group. The Minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Carrie Dotson made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Carolyn O'Connor.

Bob Dawson and Dan Koncos provided an update on Regional Planning. The final rules have not been published yet but we are moving forward with our local and regional planning. Area5 (Lake County) received our designation last week and we will remain a stand-alone workforce area. We were only one of two of 20 workforce areas to receive this designation. Bob mentioned that our Region has been meeting collectively for a few years and we are in a good position to proceed. Cuyahoga County was awarded a \$50,000.00 grant, some of which will be used towards the development of a Regional Plan.

Bob discussed MOU extensions from PY 16 which allows us to continue our recent MOU through June 30, 2017. Bob reviewed the shared budget and advised that signatures are required and need to be submitted to the state by May 31, 2016.

Leslie Ryan reviewed the final Balanced Scorecard for Program Year 2015. We are at the midway point and on track. Although not reflected on the Scorecard, our placements between January and March so far total fifty-two which is twice the amount of placements we had in the second quarter.

Dan gave us an update on the Veterans Priority of Service and advised that we submitted our Policy to the state as required. Vickie talked about our workshops and partner initiatives which include a weekly job search huddle and a partner bulletin board. We feel that the weekly huddle has helped to improve our placement rates.

Bob talked about OMJ Certification and outlined the three certification phases. We are in phase one. The Workforce Development Board will be appointing a Certification Review Team to manage the certification process.

Partner Updates:

Dan advised that Mone Givner has been appointed as the new Regional Coordinator. Dan will continue to work in this capacity but his role has changed and he will no longer be overseeing operations here. Bob thanked Dan for his partnership over the years. Dan expressed his pleasure of working with OMJ Lake staff and applauded our efforts. He spoke about the pilot project that he is involved with concerning Ohiomeansjobs. In February 2016 approximately 190,000.00 jobs were listed in Ohiomeansjobs.com. A concern was whether these were viable job orders and if the right connections were being made. They uncovered a significant amount of fraud. OMJ staff are placing outreach calls and employer surveys are being sent out. Recommendations will be made once finalized.

Melissa Winfield (LMHA) advised that their waiting list is down to 300 and they will be re-opening this in the summer.

Carrie Dotson advised that the HEAP season is ending and that they will begin Nutrition Classes in May.

Carolyn O'Connor introduced Heather Mauk as their new Business Services Representative. She also spoke about their Job Fair in Cuyahoga County which will take place in October.

Gretchen told us that a five year construction project is underway at Lakeland Community College to expand their Health Care Building. They will be hosting an IT & Business Job Fair in March and expect 40 employers.

Our next meeting will be on June 9, 2016.