

VIRTUAL MEETING MAY 4, 2020 – 12:00 PM (Noon)
OHIO VALLEY EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING

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Minutes

Attendance:

Carl Davis, Monroe County Commissioner

Tim Price, Monroe County Commissioner

Mick Schumacher, Monroe County Commissioner

Adam Shriver, Morgan County Commissioner

Mike Reed, Morgan County Commissioner

Tom Bragg, Morgan County Commissioner

Ty Moore, Noble Co. Commissioner

Brad Peoples, Noble County Commissioner

Kevin Ritter, Washington County Commissioner

Others in Attendance:

Jeanette Schwall, Director, Monroe County Department of Job & Family Services

Heidi Burns, Director, Morgan County Department of Job & Family Services

Mindy Lowe, Director, Noble County Department of Job & Family Services

Rebecca Safko, Executive Director, Ohio Valley Employment Resource

Michelle Hooper, Grants Assistant, Ohio Valley Employment Resource

Welcome to the first virtual meeting-Please announce yourself when voting

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Kevin Ritter, COG Chair.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES COG Motion 20-19 to accept the February 3, 2020 minutes: Motion: Tom Bragg; second: Carl Davis; motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Bylaws require annual election of officers, 7/1/20-6/30/21; Nominations from the floor
 - Council of Governments Chair **COG Motion 21-19 to accept Adam Shriver as Chair; Motion: Mike Reed; second: Carl Davis; motion passed**
 - Council of Governments Vice-Chair **COG Motion 22-19 to accept Ty Moore as Vice Chair; Motion: Tom Bragg; second: Mick Schumacher; motion passed.**

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS TERMS EXPIRING 6/30/2020

- Monroe – Ann Block
 - Noble – Chasity Schmelzenbach, Allen Fraley
 - Washington – Sherri Becker
 - Area Wide – Tony Huffman, Pamela Lankford, Stephen Carson, Travis Stewart
- COG Motion 23-19 to reappoint all for two year term, 7/1/20-6/30/22; Motion: Carl Davis; second: Mike Reed; motion passed.**

COVID-19 (Handouts #2 employer/#3 uc claimant-3 provided in "Chat" for most up-to-date info)

- The face of workforce has drastically changed since our last meeting, including the 3/24/2020 Shut down of non-essential businesses. Attached handouts share both the employer resources and the unemployment impacts.
- "For the week ending April 18, 2020, ODJFS reported 109,369 initial jobless claims. The number of initial Ohio jobless claims over the last five weeks stands at nearly 1 million (964,566). To put that in perspective, the total for the last five weeks of claims is 249,054 more than the combined total of 715,512 for the last two years. During the same period, more than \$926 million in UC was paid to more than 376,000 claimants." This rose to over a million the following week.
- There is a lot of uncertainty surrounding the re-opening of Ohio. Solicitation of what the group would like OVER to provide/ways to assist. No response given, will continue current path.

WIOA AREA #15 ACTIVITIES

- OVER line item Expenditures as of 3/31/20 and Budget for 7/1/20-6/30/21 (Handout #4) was presented and discussed. Currently at 61% spent. Budget for 7/1/20-6/30/21 set at same overall amount=\$169,108 as new allocations as yet unknown from state. **COG Motion 24-19 OVER budget \$169,108 for 7/1/20-6/30/21; Motion: Tom Bragg; second: Brad Peoples; motion passed.**
- Expenditures as of 3/31/20 (Handout #5) were presented and discussed. State has verbally announced intention to allow local areas to retain unspent carryover.
- New allocations unknown at this time, however, Ohio received over \$7 million more than last year in WIOA. Allocations for the areas will come out probably sometime in May. **COG Motion 25-19 to approve allocations by County as provided by State to start new program year. Motion: Adam Shriver; second: Mike Reed; motion passed.**
- Audit for year ended 6/30/19 completed. Low risk auditee, no management letter.
<https://www.ohioauditor.gov/auditsearch/detail.aspx?ReportID=152738>
Auditor of State Award: <https://www.ohioauditor.gov/news/pressreleases/Details/5453>
- State WIOA program monitoring completed (Handout #6), one issue on case notes resolved.
- State WIOA fiscal monitoring being done virtually not yet completed
- One-Stop counts January –March 2020, prepared by OVER (Handout #7) were presented and discussed-slight increase in count though not all OMJs were able to remain open the entire quarter due to COVID concerns
- Unadjusted WIOA Performance Report PY2019 Quarter 2 (Handout #8) was presented and discussed. Doing well except for youth credential attainment.
- Incumbent Worker Projects (Handout #9) Shared that 2 new projects were approved by the WDB.
- Policies- 15-02 Eligibility, DW Unlikely to return
Revision of policy for COVID-19 layoff – state suggestion:
The applicant has been either permanently or temporarily dislocated from a job as a result of a COVID-19 related shutdown or layoff. Discussion and **COG Motion 26-19 to ratify the WDB acceptance of this wording addition: Motion: Tom Bragg; second: Adam Shriver; motion passed**

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Apprenticeship Grant Update – Scaling Apprentice Grant – WIOA15 was accepted as the fiscal agent but declined to pursue due to the fact that the grant was reimbursable only to the FA. Scaling serves 26 Southeast Ohio counties. Potentially the reimbursement would not occur until the conclusion of a quarter. Having only WIOA funding, OVER is not able to meet this reimbursement requirement. However, a mutually agreeable solution was reached that AOMC would still be able to deliver the program w/the grantee serving as the fiscal agent.
- Youth and One-stop Operator RFP Committee Update –Chasity, Committee Chair presented recommendation to accept all responses (2 had add'l follow up, one lowered rate) and pass to the CCMEP Leads by county for local decision. (Handout #10) Committee consisted of: Chasity Schmelzenbach, Travis Stewart-ODD and Stephen Carson-ODJFS
COG Motion 27-19 to accept RFP recommendation and submit to CCMEP Leads for contract consideration: Motion: Ty Moore; second: Mike Reed; motion passed.
- RFP quarterly for tutors, transportation and outreach. **COG Motion 28-19 to continue RFP for additional tutors, transportation and outreach. Motion: Carl Davis; second: Ty Moore; motion passed.**
- Local Monitoring – on site visits on hold due to COVID-19 concerns; however, desk reviews indicate satisfactory performance.
- Extension of the WIOA adult and DW programs and youth case management and 4 elements that do not require procurement: occupational skill training, supportive services, follow-up and labor market and employment information. **COG Motion 29-19 to extend the WIOA adult and DW programs and youth case management and 4 elements that do not require procurement: occupational skill training, supportive services, follow-up and LMI 7/1/20-6/30/21. Motion: Tom Bragg; second: Adam Shriver; motion passed.**
- One-stop resource room update funding- Retroactive, state announced 4/15/2020
Period: 10/1/19 to 9/30/2020 - Possible uses identified by the state include:

- Computers or tablets;
- Televisions;
- ADA compliant workstations;
- Technology connectivity (e.g., internet upgrades);
- Software Purchases, Updates, and Licensures;
- Copy/scan/fax machines;
- Health and safety improvements;
- OhioMeansJobs center signage (exterior and interior); and
- Furniture.

Monroe	26,425
Morgan	19,902
Noble	19,918
Washington	28,704
Grand Total	94,949

Local operators will be tailoring this funding to meet their local needs.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: None suggested.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: Monday, 8/3/20 and 11/2/20 at 9:00 am at Lori's Restaurant

ADJOURNMENT: COG Motion 30-19 to adjourn. Motion: Tom Bragg, second: Adam Shriver; motion passed.

Approved By: Adam Shriver
COG Chair or Vice Chair

Date: 8-18-20