



The Chief Elected Officials of Area 14 Workforce Development Board (WDB) met for a scheduled meeting on the **16th day of March 2018**, at the Ohio University Innovation Center, Athens, Ohio. A quorum was present.

**1) Director Jean Demosky opened the meeting and a quorum was established with the attendance of Athens County Commissioner, Lenny Eliason and Perry County Commissioner, Jim O'Brien. The meeting commenced at 2:30 pm.**

Meigs County Commissioner, Mike Bartrum was unable to attend. Also in attendance were: Athens County JFS Executive Director Scott Zielinski, Perry County JFS Executive Director Cheryl Boley, Meigs County JFS Business Administrator Vince Reiber, Area 14 Fiscal Officer/Perry County JFS Assistant Director Mendra Hupp.

## **2) WIOA Updates:**

### **a) Regional Plan**

- a. Regional Plan Representative positions (3 of WDB) from our area will be offered to board members on a volunteer basis. Areas 15 & 16 have already identified their reps.
  - b. Social Media Report Cards were received and rescinded from the State of Ohio Workforce Development office- and regardless, the provided reports were predominantly positive and few changes were recommended.
  - c. SE Ohio Region grant money will be used for regional Social Media Training 4/17/18 (areas 15 & 16 also participating)
- b) Quarter 2 Performance Report shows Area 14 as “Meeting, Exceeding, or Significantly Above Statewide Rate” in all areas for the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and CCMEP WIOA Youth categories.

## **3) Future Area 14 WDB Quarterly Meeting Dates:**

Jean recommended changing the day and week of the quarterly WDB meeting so that it is not always during the same time as Meigs and Perry county commissioners’ meetings. The group discussed and recommended the quarterly third Wednesday of the month. This will make meetings (after the next scheduled meeting 5/3/18) 8/15/18, 11/21/18, 2/20/19, 5/15/18, 8/21/19, 11/20/19.

#### **4) Budget for 2018 Area 14 Job Fair**

Jean presented the budget for the Area 14 Job Fair scheduled for 4/25/18. Commissioner Eliason made a motion to “Authorize the use of \$3,000 of budgeted WIOA funds to conduct the Area 14 Job Fair 4/25/18.” Commissioner O’Brien seconded and with no further discussion, the motion passed.

Jean also distributed the list of currently committed employers and asked that if anyone knows of other employers, the event group is still accepting employer tables. The event is free.

#### **5) New Aspire Program FY 2019 Grant Application Process**

Jean explained the new Aspire program FY 2019 grant application process. With review of grant applications required of each WD area, Commissioner Eliason made a motion to “Authorize the Area 14 Workforce Development Board Director to review submitted Aspire grant applications and to respond with comments to the Department of Education on behalf of the Area 14 WDB.” Commissioner O’Brien seconded and with no further discussion, the motion passed.

#### **6) SE Ohio Workforce Region Sector Strategy Study and Survey**

Jean presented the preliminary SE Ohio Workforce Region Sector Strategy Study and Survey report. (attached) The group reviewed and looks forward to more information that can hopefully be compared with similar information from the other regions across the state.

#### **7) Ohio Workforce Association Leadership Forum 2018**

Jean presented information about Ohio Workforce Association Leadership Forum to be held at Mohican State Park April 11 & 12, 2018.

#### **8) Ohio Workforce Association Dues**

Jean presented information regarding Ohio Workforce Association dues. After discussion, it was decided Area 14 will continue to be non-members without voting privilege.

#### **9) Area 14 Workforce Development Board Re-certification**

Jean shared that the Area 14 Workforce Development Board will need to be recertified this year and will be due September, 2018. Jean was assigned the duty of coordinating the recertification process.

#### **10) Adjournment**

With no further business, Commissioner O’Brien made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Eliason seconded the motion. With the motion passing, the meeting ended at 3:30 pm.

## SE Ohio Workforce Region Sector Strategy Study and Survey

Thank you for participating in our Southeastern Ohio Regional Sectors Strategy survey.

We had a +37% response rate, which is excellent for this type of survey!

As promised, the survey results are attached.

Some of our initial findings include:

- A. Survey responses were evenly received from all three (3) Workforce Development areas.
- B. Top four (4) sectors to pursue developing specific Sector Strategies (+40% response rate) are:
  - 1. Plastics/Polymers (52.9% response for all surveys)
  - 2. Healthcare (52.9% response for all surveys)
  - 3. Oil and Gas Processing (47.6% response for all surveys)
  - 4. Chemical Manufacturing (41.18% response for all surveys)
- C. 100% of respondents indicated a regional need for Employability Skills Training
- D. 87.5% of respondents indicated a need for Certification and/or Licensure Skills Training
- E. 37.5% of respondents indicated a need for 2 year Associate Degrees, 18.75% for BA or BS Degrees, and 6.25% for Master's Degree or higher.

The next step in the project is to contact 5-8 businesses in each of the targeted sectors to seek their input and interest in Sector Strategies for their industry.

We are very optimistic that the results from this project will provide your organization with meaningful information to help these Sectors grow and thrive in our region.

Thank you again for your input!

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