

**NORTHEAST OHIO CONSORTIUM ("NOC")
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES**

March 7, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Geauga County Offices,
Board of Health Meeting Room, Building #8,
470 Center Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey Kozlowski (Ashtabula County Commissioner)
Sabrina Christian-Bennett (Portage County Commissioner)
Walter "Skip" Claypool (Geauga County Commissioner)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mandy Berardinelli (OMJ-Portage), Angel Brandner (PCJFS),
Sue Brannon (PCJFS), Kellijo Jeffries (PCJFS-Director),
Margo Reda (OMJ-Geauga), Craig Sernik (Area 19-Director),
Michelle Laveck (Area 19), Denise Gehring (Area 19)

Mr. Kozlowski called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Minutes

Ms. Christian-Bennett moved to approve the minutes from February 14, 2018 meeting. Mr. Kozlowski seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.

Administrative Report

Mr. Sernik reported on the following items.

Federal Budget. The current Administration is willing to support nationwide the funding at FY 17 levels.

State Issues. The OWA's consults, the Junto Group, brought in Mike DeWine, Attorney General and Republican Candidate for Governor, to speak to the OWA.

State Legislation. The State House has introduced H.B. 512 which would consolidate K-12, post-secondary education, and workforce into the Ohio Department of Learning and Achievement. The OWA hasn't taken a position on this but believe these groups need to coordinate and work more.

State Plan. The state has changed the language to state that they do have concerns regarding serving and unemployment and specific services provided in certain OMJ Centers and they'll work with the Directors Association and the Ohio Workforce Association to come up with state measures that address those concerns.

CCMEP (WIOA Youth) Federal Waiver Secured by ODJFS from DOLS. This waiver means while the feds calculate the 75 percent at the state level and not area level, the state cannot make their number unless the areas are making the number. The state did receive a waiver that would count TANF money spent on out-of-school co-enrolled youth.

CCMEP County by County Enrollment. Geauga County is at 10 TANF individuals, 5 WIOA individuals, 7 in pipeline, and 8 follow-up. Portage County is 52 TANF, 44 WIOA, 67 co-enrolled, 23 in pipeline, 12 follow-up, and 97 in-school and 66 out-of-school. Ashtabula County is 387 TANF, 118 WIOA, 38 in pipeline, 25 on wait list, 31 follow-up, 231 in-school and 274 out-of-school. Geauga County has an under engagement of resources, Portage County is working through an eligibility audit, and Ashtabula has an over engagement of resources and is seeing issues.

Unemployment Compensation System remains bad with no changes on horizon and the insolvency of the unemployment funds continue.

Record Keeping. At the CDJFS level if you capture social security numbers on mini-regs and enter them into the system you will be able to see how you're doing a couple quarters later as to the individuals that you do not register or enroll and are they getting jobs. But the state will insist that you do not get a copy of or make a record of anybody's social security numbers, unless, you register and enroll the individual.

Strategic Retreat is scheduled for April 11th and 12th at the Mohican State Park Resort. The OMJ supervisors will accompany Mr. Sernik.

One Stop Operations. The ODJFS and Veterans' money dropped last week and payment can be made. Mr. Sernik stated currently looking into updating the OMJ Ashtabula Center resource room computers for the current computers are 14 years old.

JobsOhio Agreement. The OWA asked that the indemnification clause be stricken from the agreement. This request is currently being reviewed by JobsOhio.

ARCH POWER Grant Application. Not hopeful that Area 19 will receive any money but submitted our budget to Area 6.

Fiscal Report

Ms. Laveck reported the audit was completed, preliminary report received, and a report should be received in a week. No major findings and recommend not to do a closeout session but to present at the next meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- *Workforce Development Board Membership.*
 - **Ms. Christian-Bennett moved to re-appoint the following Geauga County current members of the Workforce Development Board whose terms expire May 3, 2018 to a new term of May 2, 2018 through May 3, 2020.**
 - 1) Eric Davis (APPRENTICESHIP)
 - 2) Monica Bricker-Thompson (COMMUNITY BASED)**Mr. Kozlowski seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.**
 - **Ms. Christian-Bennett moved to table the re-appointment of the following Geauga County current member of the Workforce Development Board whose term expires May 3, 2018.**
 - 1) Tracy Jemison (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**Mr. Kozlowski seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.**

- Ms. Christian-Bennett moved to re-appoint the following Portage County current members of the Workforce Development Board whose terms expire May 3, 2018 to a new term of May 2, 2018 through May 3, 2020.
 - 1) Mike DeLuke (LABOR)Mr. Kozlowski seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.

- Ms. Christian-Bennett moved to re-appoint the following current members of the Workforce Development Board representing Geauga, Portage, and Ashtabula Counties whose terms expire May 3, 2018 to a new term of May 2, 2018 through May 3, 2020.
 - 1) Lynn Hartman (OPPORTUNITIES FOR OHIOANS WITH DISABILITIES)
 - 2) Dr. Susan Stocker (WORKFORCE HIGHER EDUCATION)Mr. Kozlowski seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.

Executive Session

Ms. Christian-Bennett moved to go into executive session for the purpose to discuss employment matters per R.C. 121.22(G)(1). Mr. Kozlowski seconded the motion which was approved by all members present. Invited were Mr. Sernik and Ms. Jeffries.

Executive Session commenced at 11:43 a.m.

Executive Session concluded at 12:39 p.m.

The Board took no action.

Ms. Christian-Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kozlowski seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.

Meeting concluded at 12:41 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Denise Gehring.