

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

March 4, 2020
12:00 PM

Kent State University Geauga Campus
Clark Commons Meeting Room,
14111 Claridon-Troy Rd.,
Burton, Ohio 44021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Casey Kozlowski
Commissioner Sabrina Christian-Bennett
Commissioner Jim Dvorak

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Margo Reda (OMJ-Geauga), Hattie Grubke-Barnard (OMJ-Ashtabula), Craig Sernik (Area 19 Director), Michelle Laveck (Area 19), Denise Gehring (Area 19).

Mr. Kozlowski called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

Minutes

**Mr. Dvorak moved to approved revised minutes from February 4, 2020 meeting.
Ms. Christian-Bennett seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.**

Administrative Report

Mr. Sernik reported funding will be stable for this year. Still waiting on DOL to define IRAPs. The Innovative Workforce Incentive Program (IWIP) prepares students for In-demand industries. Schools can get money to develop a credential programs and for every student that obtains a qualifying credential the school receives money. The TechCred program application round three opened on March 2nd. The program has 3100 credentials approved so far and the state would like up to 10,000. Mr. Sernik reviewed the OWA events listed on the handout that are occurring in the next few months. The state program monitor completed his review of the OMJ-Geauga with one observation to have individuals sign the complaint procedures form. Mr. Sernik stated he has a phone conference scheduled for tomorrow with the state to discuss the upcoming CCMEP changes. The CCMEP changes are good with the exception of one change which would require areas to co-enroll a certain minimum percentage. The state is also looking at changing the name of the CCMEP program. The Adjusted Performance Measures were reviewed to all those present. The area is either meeting or exceeding Performance Measures. One Rapid Response occurred in Portage County for Kent Paver Brick. The Industry Partner Grant is being pursued by PCJFS and

Summit County. A WDB member representing Portage County has resigned, Michelle Delgross, with Home Savings.

Fiscal Report

Ms. Laveck reported the fiscal monitoring of the JFS has been completed and currently awaiting the final report. The state auditors have completed their visit to the NOC COG Office.

One Stop Reports

OMJ Center Ashtabula County.

Ms. Grubke-Barnard reported the OMJ ran 27 job orders in February, employer seminar held on February 4th with 23 individuals from different businesses attend, did a business speed dating at Lakeside High School with 250 kids, planning a job/career fair, planning another employer seminar in May, Bridges Class from the yO! Program will go to Kent State University-Ashtabula for tour of campus, largest GED class with 15 to 20 youth showing up every day, ten youth from high school are showing up for tutoring, began training some younger youth for summer employment with 22 currently in training with 13 youth in program last month and half full for April, and the OMJ is now a food pantry site for County Neighbor. The adult and dislocated workers program remains slow. Doing a separate summer program from CCMEP with the RFP to be published this week and applications accepted the first Monday in April.

OMJ Center Geauga County.

Ms. Reda reported the OMJ Center was able to staff 90 percent of the Census positions for Geauga County and will have Census Resident expert on staff at OMJ Center to assist residents. The Sheriff's Office and Safety Center/Jail partnership with OMJ restarted the Job Readiness Program for those incarcerated. The OMJ visits the jail every other week for 12 weeks and seeing signs of success with those who have exited the jail and come into the career center. This has also been partnered with being on the Geauga Citizens' Circle. The AWT Summer Manufacturing Camp will be held again this year. The Job Fair will be held on May 1st at Chardon High School with 60 tables set aside for businesses expecting 400 high school students from all of Geauga County. This Job Fair will be open to adult job seekers from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Auburn Reverse Job Fair will be held on May 5th. Approximately 40 percent of the Opioid Grant monies is going to supportive services. Will be presenting on apprenticeship, TechCred, and services offered at OMJ Center to the Geauga Safety Council. Currently have 62 youth in CCMEP program and using TANF regular monies to open program up to non-CCMEP youth.

Old Business

Ms. Christian-Bennett moved to approve the renewal of the JobsOhio Talent Delivery Master Services Agreement for a period that will commence on January 1, 2020, and end on December 31, 2020. Mr. Dvorak seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.

Ms. Christian-Bennett moved to enter into a second amendment to the October 1, 2018, CONTRACTOR Agreement between the NOC COG, GCJFS, and OhioGuidestone to

retroactively adjust the funding of the October 1, 2018 CONTRACTOR Agreement, as amended by the first amendment of the same, by increasing the amount of the total compensation of the Agreement from a total of Three Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-seven and 00/100 dollars (\$393,487.00) to an amount of Four Hundred Forty Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$440,000.00). With Forty Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$40,000.00) of that increase being TANF regular funds, and Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen and 00/100 (\$6,513.00) of that increase being TANF CCMEP funds. Mr. Dvorak seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.

New Business

Update on School Programming Efforts. Discussion was held regarding the ESCs and BACs in each of the three counties.

Update on Opioid Disaster Program.

Ms. Sernik stated Portage County is doing very well with spending their monies. Ashtabula and Geauga Counties are poised to spend their monies as well, too.

Presentation on Conflict of Interest Policy and Simple Proposed Amendments to the Area 19 Policies.

Mr. Sernik reviewed the handout with the suggested amendments to the Area 19 policies. **Ms. Christian-Bennett moved to approve the suggested amendments to Area 19 Policies as presented. Mr. Dvorak seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.**

The next NOC COG Board meeting will be held on April 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to be held at the OMJ Center Ashtabula County.

Public Comment Period

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

Meeting concluded at 1:26 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Denise Gehring.