



NEMO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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**NEMO Workforce Development Board (WDB)
Access Committee Meeting
March 19, 2018**

Members Present

Amy Bowen
Cynthia Johns
Pat Poepping

Guests

Bryan Trappe
Tom Christine
Polly Matteson
Sherry Nelson
Howard Clark
Sutarrah Campbell
Kim Cull
Janet Hickey
Mark Forster

WDB Staff

Diane Simbro
Sharon Hillard
Sheila Jurgesmeyer
Beth Whelan

Members Absent

Amanda Rose
Janis Miller
Ann McCauley
Lydia McClellan
Shannon Moore
Janice Robinson
Sheryl Ferguson
Lisa Randolph

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairperson Amy Bowen called the March 19, 2018 Access Committee Meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. at the Kirksville Job Center in Kirksville, MO.

ROLL CALL

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Roll call was taken and a signature sheet was signed by those attending. Three committee members were present, and a quorum was established. A total of 16 individuals attended.

**COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS / BRIEF SUMMARY
OF SERVICES PROVIDED & AREA COVERED**

Everyone introduced themselves and provided a brief description of their responsibilities and services provided by their agency.

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PURPOSE / GOAL OF ACCESS COMMITTEE

Diane said the purpose of the Access Committee was for everyone to get to know one another better and to better understand the services each agency offers to individuals. She said the more we know what each other does and provides the better services we can provide to individuals. She said if anyone had a need and they didn't know who to reach out to, they were welcome to contact the NEMO WDB office at any time for direction.

Amy Bowen added that the goal of the committee was to partner and collaborate services. That was the spirit of WIOA and that was the direction we wanted to go.

PRESENTATION / POLLY MATTESON

A presentation was provided by Polly Matteson with Truman University. Polly said she works with employers and the school system teachers and counselors to set up career development programs to open the eyes of students. She sometimes speaks to students in the classrooms to help them realize they aren't locked into one career choice. Polly said she had two programs going on now. One was a Pathways for Teachers Externship. She had 25 teachers, counselors and administrators involved. They visit businesses and talk to them about their needs and tour their facilities. She wanted to focus more on what Northeast Missouri has to offer so they are currently focusing on agriculture and technology. They ask employers what skills they are looking for. The number one reply is work ethic/essential skills. Next, they ask how they can better prepare students to be more successful in that business field.

The event she had happening on Wednesday, March 21st at the Kirksville Campus was a Career Exploration Event for seventh and eighth graders. A smaller one had been done at Moberly already. At Kirksville, they would have about 400 students in attendance with 38 interactive exhibit tables for the students to explore. The students would also be able to tour the campus planetarium and several of the students would be going on a short campus tour. The majority of the student's time would be spent in the exhibit hall. All of the students had taken a Career Interest Cluster Inventory so they could focus their attention on the area of their interest and the exhibitors would be arranged by career paths. She talked about the need for students to realize that there were a lot of opportunities in transferable skills. She offered her assistance wherever possible and said she would be happy to present the information to other groups.

JOHEGO UPDATE & WEBSITE UPDATE

Tabled for next meeting.

SPLITTING COMMITTEE INTO REGIONS / GROUP INPUT

Diane asked about meeting at the Hannibal Job Center and setting up web conferencing from there. She wanted to explore options for people to be involved if they couldn't travel. She said

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the WDB had connecting sites at Moberly, Paris, Hannibal, and Kirksville. However, it wouldn't be the same as being there. Web conferencing wasn't ideal and the hearing wasn't always the greatest. She was still learning how to set up the meetings. But if the committee wanted to try it the next meeting, she would be willing to try. Diane said Hannibal seemed to be more centrally located for everyone and we discussed meeting quarterly. Her concern was that we set the meetings up so that as many as possible could participate. She felt the work that the committee was doing was very important. It was decided that the next meeting would be at the Hannibal Job Center.

It was asked if it would be possible to put together a booklet of agencies that included a description of services. Diane said everyone was asked to submit information regarding their agency's services to her to be compiled but she only receive a couple. However, the Johego app was available and could be downloaded to a mobile device from bit.ly/johego-ios. Currently, resources for 6 of the Local Workforce Development Board's 16 counties were included in the app and the remaining counties would also be added. She noted that users could submit corrections to Johego to be vetted and updated.

PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS AT MEETINGS / GROUP INPUT

The members decided that they liked the idea of having individuals present informational topics at the meeting.

REFERRAL PROCESS / DWD ISSUANCE 24-2015

Tabled for next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kim Cull asked anyone who had not received the April and May calendars and Job Fair information and was interested in receiving the information to contact her.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE / TIME AND LOCATION

The next meeting was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Monday, June 25, 2018 and will be held at the Hannibal Job Center in Hannibal, Missouri.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m.

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