



NEMO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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**NEMO Workforce Development Board (WDB)
Access Committee Meeting
September 12, 2017**

Members Present

Lesa Barber
Amy Bowen
Cynthia Johns
Ann McCauley
Shannon Moore
Dione Pashia
Lydia McClellan

Members Absent

Janis Miller
Janice Robinson
Sheryl Ferguson
Lisa Randolph
Amanda Rose

Guests

Lauren Surprenant
Sherry Nelson
Mike Vaia
Leanne Knorr
Kevin Knickerbocker
Randy Lane
Kim Cull
LeAndra Bridgeman
Jeremiah Terrell
Jamy Preul

WDB Staff

Diane Simbro
Sharon Hillard
Sheila Jurgesmeyer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairperson Amy Bowen called the September 12, 2017 Access Committee Meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. at the Hannibal Job Center in Hannibal, MO.

ROLL CALL

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Roll call was taken and a signature sheet was signed by those attending. Seven committee members were present, and a quorum was established. A total of 20 individuals attended.

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

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

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PURPOSE / GOAL OF ACCESS COMMITTEE

Diane said the Access Committee, which included core partners and other individuals with expertise in assisting the community, was formed to ensure that all populations were being served with the best possible services. She said the region's Equal Opportunity Analysis had revealed the need for better outreach to individuals with disabilities, older workers, ex-offenders, at-risk youth and low income individuals. Diane said she met previously with Amy, Cyndi and Lauren and they felt as the Committee moves forward it may decide to form several sub-committees to address specific groups or issues.

Connecting and communicating with partner agencies to learn of resources available would be key in serving individuals successfully. The purpose for today's meeting was to bring everyone to the table to discuss services being provided at specific agencies and how the group would like to proceed.

Sherry Nelson, Jeremiah Terrell and Jamy Preul, from the University of Missouri Extension, provided information regarding "*SkillUp*". SkillUp offers scholarships for short-term training programs in Missouri to individuals who are receiving Food Stamp/SNAP benefits. They also talked about *Tackling the Tough Skills* which is a life skills curriculum designed to help hard-to-reach adults or teens prepare for success in work and life.

After the presentation, it was asked if a resource could be developed to document the services each agency provides. Everyone was asked to submit information regarding their agency's services to Diane to be compiled.

Kim Cull provided flyers regarding the upcoming October 12, 2017 job fair being held at the Admiral Coontz Recreation Center. Other upcoming job fair flyers were also provided and Diane said she would email all of the job fair flyers to the group.

DEMONSTRATION / DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE (JOHEGO)

Diane said the regions are encouraged to develop local resource guides and she presented Johego a resource guide funded by Health Literacy that was launched September 8, 2017. Johego is an app that can be downloaded to a mobile device from bit.ly/johego-ios. She provided a handout regarding how to download the app, and said a desktop version would be forthcoming. She explained that 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 also noted that users could submit corrections to Johego to be vetted and updated.

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REPORT FROM WDB DIRECTOR REGARDING EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE NEEDS

Diane said one of the topics of discussion at the NEMO WDB Employer Engagement Committee meeting was the increased number of jobs and the need for more job seekers. She said we need to look to people with disabilities, ex-offenders and older workers etc. to fill those job openings. Diane said Shari Schenewerk and Rita Brown were compiling a list of employers that may be willing to work with these groups of individuals. If anyone had an employer they would like to add to the list, they should contact her. She planned to share the list with the group when completed.

Amy said many of the agencies overlap in services provided and we needed to be communicating to ensure we were partnering and working together. It was stated that the group should start by developing a directory that included contact individuals and what each agency has to offer. It was decided that this information would be compiled and sent to everyone.

Diane mentioned that the TANF Summer Jobs League program still had slots available for youth ages 16-24. She said available youth could be referred to the Job Centers for more information.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR PARTNERS

Diane said our wish is that individuals self-identify when they have a disability. However, staff can ask individuals about disabilities but sometimes worry about using the correct language when inquiring. She asked if the group thought it might be good to provide a training about how to deal with people with disabilities. It was also mentioned that Preferred Family Health offers a Mental Health training about suicide. Diane said she would email a list of trainings to everyone to see what they were interested in.

Kevin Knickerbocker, with the Department of Corrections, said his organization had meeting space available free of charge. He also said he planned to invite a few of the agencies to provide training to his clients.

Shannon Moore with Moberly Area Community College (MACC) said MACC was offering Highway/Heavy Construction Certification. It is a 14-week (32 hrs. per week) program where participants learn job-related skills required for highway/heavy construction and receive reading, writing, and math instruction. Students are dually enrolled in adult education and the community college to earn a high school equivalency certificate and college certification in heavy highway construction. They will complete internships and job training activities with local industry and will also participate in soft skills training. Classes start November 6, 2017 and will end April 30, 2018. The tuition of \$3,000 is being paid by WIOA. Students must be a Missouri resident and income eligible. Anyone interested should contact Shannon.

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BEST METHODS TO CONNECT ALL PARTNERS / SERVICES

Diane reminded everyone to send her a list of their organization's programs/services and she would develop a directory that would be sent to everyone.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE / TIME AND LOCATION

The group decided to meet quarterly. The next meeting will be January 2018 and will be held at the Hannibal Job Center. Diane will send out a meeting poll to set the specific date and time.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.

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