



NEMO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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NEMO Workforce Development Board (WDB) Access Committee Meeting September 12, 2022 8:30 am

Members Present

Kara Berlin-Bates
Lisa Blickhan
Erin Dennis
Lydia McClellan
Mandy Rose

Guests Present

Polly Matteson
Dawn Mowery

Shannon Hinson

WDB Staff

Brent Stevens
Ruth Whitis
Erica Davis
Mandy McClanahan

Kerry Savage
Dana Keller
Janet Myers
Jen Weber

Members Absent

Stephanie Cooper

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Kara Berlin-Bates called the NEMO WDB Access Committee Meeting to order at approximately 10:00 am. The meeting was held virtually.

ROLL CALL

Five Committee Members participated and a quorum was established. Three guests and nine WDB staff also participated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Lisa Blickhan moved to approve the September 12, 2022 Access Committee Meeting minutes. Lydia McClellan seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

REVERSE JOB FAIR

Kara and Diane talked about the successful Reverse Job Fair held in Hannibal a few years ago and the one that was planned for Kirksville and was cancelled due to COVID. The group discussed and decided they do want to proceed with holding job Fairs.

Tentatively, we will plan one for Kirksville for the December 12-15 timeframe, Lincoln and Pike County Jan 2-6; Montgomery and Warren County March. Kara will look at schedules and see what will work for

Hannibal. The committee has all of the flyers so we can plug in new dates/times/places. First step will be to secure a venue to firm up the time and date. Each sub-committee chair can form their own committees. Noted was the assistance the SB40 group in Kirksville offered so it would be good to reach out to them and include them in your committees. Diane should have the email/contact info for them. Kara said she will be happy to sit on each of the sub-committees. Erin Dennis will work with each group on the employers. The Sub-committees can email Kara at Kara.Berlin-Bates@vr.dese.mo.gov. Diane will also help where needed. Mandy Rose asked about employers and Kara explained that the committees can decide what primary markets they will have job seekers interested in and Erin and others from the Job Centers will work on contacting the employers.

Kirksville – Mandy McClanahan

Hannibal – Kara Berlin-Bates

Lincoln/Pike – Jenn Weber & Dawn Mowery

Montgomery/Warren – Jenn Weber & Dawn Mowery

ROUNDTABLE – SHARE WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR AGENCY

Kara said VR serves people who have diagnoses (mental, learning, medical, physical, etc.). If someone does not have a diagnosis and they feel they need assistance, they can connect them to resources to get that.

Lydia McClellan is the Director of the Adult Education and Literacy for Macon School District. They work with people that are wanted to increase their Basic Skill level and/or work on achieving their HiSet. They have centers in Brookfield, Chillicothe, Kirksville, Macon, LaPlata, Monroe City and Shelbina at Heartland.

Polly Matteson works on two grants through Truman University. She works with Teachers to do Externships so they are able to learn more about the occupations and use that information to develop their curriculum. She works with K-12 and College students in many different ways to help develop Career Pathways. She shared the upcoming Build My Future event to be held at the Macon Fairgrounds. This is the first time this event has been held in this region and students from schools from Hannibal to Savannah will be attending. Last count was at 1800 students plus. Diane added volunteers are still needed. Diane will send the flyer and volunteer form out to the group. This event will take place on Sept 21. The Youth Investment Committee has set the date for the 8th grade for November 16 to be held at the Admiral Koontz Recreation Center in Hannibal.

Erica Davis – WIOA Supervisor (GAMM) at the Hannibal Job Center said they are working with jobseekers and employers to connect them with training and employment opportunities using WIOA and Skillup funds. Erica is working with the Youth Investment Committee to support the 8th grade event in Hannibal.

Shannon Hinson is the Director of Adult Education and Literacy for MACC. They cover Columbia, Bowling Green, Mexico, Moberly, and the Vandalia Correctional Facility.

Mandy McClanahan is the WIOA Supervisor (GAMM) for the Kirksville Job Center. She said they are also working with jobseekers and employers to connect them with training and employment opportunities using WIOA and Skillup funds. She is doing outreach in Schuyler, Scotland and Knox counties. They are holding a job fair on October 28 from 11 – 3:30 at the MACC Campus in Kirksville.

Lisa Blickhan said NECAC works with employment and training with the SkillUp Program. She said they currently have around 42 programs to assist citizens in their 12 counties.

Dana Keller stated GAMM is the Subrecipient for the WIOA and Skillup funds in 13 counties in the Northeast Region. They also have some funding from DESE to assist with Tuition.

Janet Myers is the OWD Supervisor at the Hannibal Job Center and working to match employers and jobseekers. Janet shared that they will be holding the fall job fair on October 13. We will share flyers with the group.

Brent Stevens is the Executive Director of the Northeast/Northwest Board and stated that he is very happy to hear the planning of the Reverse Job Fairs and hear from all of the partners on the call.

Kerry Savage is the Compliance Coordinator and EO Officer for the Northeast/Northwest Board and said she is excited about the Reverse Job Fairs and is excited to hear from all of the partners and what they do. She is happy to learn more from the NE staff and partners.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

The next meeting will be December 5 2022 at 8:30 am. A Zoom invite will be sent out to all.

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