



NEMO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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

Members Present

Kara Berlin-Bates
Lisa Blickhan
Mandy Rose

Guests Present

Polly Matteson
Wendy Hays
Melissa Cline
Jennifer Taylor

WDB Staff

Brent Stevens	Kerry Savage
Ruth Whitis	Dana Keller
Erica Davis	Janet Myers
Mandy McClanahan	Dawn Mowery

Members Absent

Lydia McClellan
Erin Dennis

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

Three Committee Members participated and a quorum was established. Four guests and eight WDB staff also participated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

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

REVERSE JOB FAIR

Kara asked the group if any progress has been made in planning the Reverse Job Fairs.

- Mandy McClanahan speaking for Kirksville and Melissa Cline – They want to get together and decide on a date/time.
- Dawn Mowery set March for their RJF for Warren and Montgomery. They have contacted all the disability boards in four counties. They have several employers lined up. Location is being nailed down for Pike-Lincoln. Impact is also assisting with the planning the RJF. Diane said that Dawn has taken the position of Workforce Director for Warrenton Job Center.
- Kara said they are thinking about the April timeframe.

Kirksville – Mandy McClanahan

Hannibal – Kara Berlin-Bates

Lincoln/Pike –Dawn Mowery

Montgomery/Warren –Dawn Mowery

Chairman Report

Kara asked for feedback on ideas for a speaker. Wendy Hays stated Department of Mental Health have hired a coordinator for the DSP Registered Apprenticeship. Kara said she will contact him and have him speak at the March meeting.

Diane said we will try to get the community college/Technical Center folks to attend the March meeting.

Workforce Director Report

Brent Stevens - Progressing on transition. He is interested in supporting the Reverse Job Fairs however they can. Diane stated that the ACCESS group supports everyone that has barriers to employment. This could include individuals with disabilities, justice involved, homeless, substance abuse, etc.

Brent said OWD Staff is going out to the Correctional Facilities now. Jennifer Taylor added. Stephanie Selsor from Hannibal will be working with NE Correctional Facility in Bowling Green and Kori Cameron from Kirksville will be working with Moberly Correctional Center. They will make themselves available up to 12 hours per week. They will go in when they are 6 months from release to help them with resume, interviewing and other transitional skills. When they are close to their release date, they plan to set them up via WebEx introduction to a staff at their local job center where there are locating to. They are identifying 30 from each facility for OWD staff to begin working with them.

Kerry – Attended training regarding serving refugees and that training will be passed along to job center staff as EO training. Kerry just completed EO monitoring using the checklist and she found some small issues but most were corrected while she was onsite. She was pleased that all of our comprehensive sites and affiliates site were compliant with accessibility.

ROUNDTABLE – SHARE WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR AGENCY

Kara said VR serves people who have diagnoses (mental, learning, medical, physical, etc.). She is going into NE Correctional so they can engage with offenders prior to release. They also do WebEx to make

sure they know who they will be connected with upon release. Works with Lana Byrum ETS at NE Correctional. They refer people and help with training if needed.

Wendy Hays – Employment Service Provider for people with disabilities. Contract with Voc Rehab. Serve 14 counties. They have offices in 6 of the counties. Also a Ticket to work provider. Registered Apprenticeship for DSP.

Janet Myers – Would like to work together and piggy back to plan the RJF and Job Fairs. She said she is excited to work with the correctional facilities. Diane said Janet could ask if Lana would like to join this committee.

Melissa Cline – Community Learning Center has a Transition Coalition and working with the school district, LOQW, and other partners to figure out what the gaps for the young adults that are going from school to employment. There are a large number going to Sheltered Workshop or regular employment. Something goes wrong and it is difficult to re-engage them to return to employment. Develop a plan to set them up for success. Crystal, their Executive Director, is working with other employers/HR managers to start an HR Group.

Polly Matteson - Works with K-12 students and helps with transition also. What they are doing at Kirksville is amazing. Employability skills is the #1 issue. Everybody is going to have set backs and teaching them how to roll with the punches and get back on their feet. Build My Future event in Macon was awesome with over 1500 students attending.

Worthy Event in Hannibal – Hands on for 8th graders. Erica added they had around 300 students with six sending schools. Manufacturing, construction, healthcare, real estate, welding, fire, railroad and many other industries for the students to get hands on experience to help them look at different occupations.

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. Working with Youth Coordinator to enroll youth in the BEST program, a highly successful program for individuals with disabilities. Has a 100% success rate to transition them from a paid work experience to employment.

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. Will be promoting services at the local schools.

Lisa Blickhan said NECAC works with employment and training with the SkillUp Program. Most are going to short term training then on to employment. Energy Assistance is open. She said they currently have around 42 programs to assist citizens in their 12 counties.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

The next meeting TBD. Hope to have a virtual/in person with a speaker.

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