

**WDA 16**

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**AREA 16 Council of Government (COG)**

**Minutes**

**December 11, 2020**

**GoToMeeting**

**Present:** Lewis Mickley, Chair (Carroll Co.), Michele Santin (approved representative for Jefferson Co) and Don Bethel (Harrison Co.)

**Visitors:**  Tammy Sanderson, Rebecca Safko, Scott Blackburn, Rich Gualtiere, Mike Schlanz, Mike McGlumphy, Deb Knight, Bradley Wells and Rob Guentter

1. **Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Lewis Mickley at 10:14 am

A quorum of COG members was present to conduct business.

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion 17-2020 to approve July 17, 2020 COG Minutes as written.

**1st-Bethel 2nd- Santin Motion Carried**

1. **Financial/Participant Reports (Rebecca):**

Motion made to approve the following reports:

October 2020 financials

Motion 18-2020 to approve Financial Report

**1st Bethel 2nd- Santin Motion Carried**

1. **Funding Transfers:**

None this period

1. **Election of COG Leadership**

**COG Chair**

**Motion 19-2020 to nominate Josh Meyer as next COG Chair 1st- Santin 2nd- Bethel Motion Carried**

**Motion 20-2020 to close Chair nominations 1st- Bethel 2nd- Santin Motion Carried**

**Motion 21-2020 to elect Josh Meyer as COG Chair 1st-Bethel 2nd- Santin Motion Carried**

**COG Vice Hair**

**Motion 22-2020 to nominate Don Bethel as next COG Vice Chair 1st- Santin 2nd- Bethel Motion Carried**

**Motion 23-2020 to close Vic Chair nominations 1st- Bethel 2nd- Santin Motion Carried**

**Motion 24-2020 to elect Don Bethel as COG Vice Chair 1st-Santin 2nd- Bethel Motion Carried**

Commissioner Mickey was thanked by everyone for his serve as on the COG and as COG Chair and everyone wished him well in the next chapter of his life as his term ends as a Carroll Co. Commissioner.

1. **WIOA Update: Staff Report (Rob)**

Rob provided a written report and brief discussion on the following topics:

* Virtual Fairs
* BRN Outreach
* WDA16 Performance Measures 2020 approved by state
* WDB16 Board Recertification -submitted and accepted by state
* Local and Regional Workforce Plan update
* Incumbent Worker Training policy (ITW) status
* Pathways Home update

1. **County OMJ Updates**

**Belmont Co:** Mike reported that most training requests are for CDL and that visitors to the job center are still slow. 4 clients have been approved for CDL training from the COVID NDWG funding. The Resource Room update project is completed.

Belmont OMJ Center has sent out about 1500 letters to recent UI claimants trying to connect them to OMJ services. Very few responses at this point from the mailing.

The OH32 Flood Grant project will continue to May 2021, with June 2021 closeout, thanks to an approved grant extension.

Belmont is part of a CCMEP pilot project with Mathematica for staff case management training which focuses on providing better client services and outcomes.

**Carroll Co:** Rob shared that Resource Room is open, and they have completed their Resource Room update with 4 new work stations and other supportive equipment. The county is working to help address the 300 person AAM plant closing, resulting from a recent fire.

**Harrison Co:** Rich said Harrison OMJ is open by appointment. The Resource Room technology and furniture installations have been finalized and the space looks great! Rich added that 7 CCMEP youth are working and they are trying to grow those numbers with” Geo fencing” outreach. At present, they have no access to students at the schools.

**Jefferson Co:** Rich stated that their CCMEP Summer Youth Program has 60 working youth which is much higher than the 20 they would normally have this time of year (likely given they have more flexible school schedules). The Resource Room updates are complete and is open to the public.

Jefferson Co ended theirOH**-**32 Dislocated Worker Flood grant on November 6, and completed work on all approved clean-up sites.

The Opioid 3 grant program has gained access to the Easter Ohio Correctional Center (EOCC) with 12 participants in the first Tyro Leadership class and a second class forming. They expect about ½ of participants to enter a training program.

Mike M. added that they have also been working closely with the new BRN funded Business Outreach Specialist, Bradley Wells, and are working toward a CDL focused Virtual Job Fair (VJF).

1. **RESEA- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment**

Rob explained that the state has always managed the federally funded RESEA program, which requires assessment services for a portion of UI claimant. The state has offered the Workforce Areas to deliver this service directly, with an intention to better connect OMJ services with recently unemployed Ohioans. Jefferson CO CAC has agreed to manage RESEA in WDA16 with the provided state funding.

**Motion 25-2020 to accept the state RESEA funding of PY2020 $40,691.36 and PY 2021 $58,15.89, to enter into a revised Sub grant Agreement Amendment with includes RESEA language, and to subcontract the RESEA funding awarded to WDB16 to the Jefferson Co CAC for their delivery of RESEA service in WDA16 as required by the agreement. This was recommended by WDB16 Motion 25-2020.**

**1st Santin 2nd Bethel Motion Carried**

1. **Addendum 3 RFG Associates Inc. Flood Inspection Services**

**Motion 26-2020 to approve RFG Associates Inc to provide OH-32 Flood Inspection Services extension from 11/30/20- 6/30/21 for $375/month as needed, as recommended by WDB16 Motion 26-2020.**

**1st Santin 2nd Bethel Motion Carried**

1. **MOU Revision**

**Motion 27-2020 to approve WDA16 MOU Amendment 1. This was approved by the WBD16 via Motion 13-2020.**

**1st Santin 2nd Bethel Motion Carried**

1. **Ohio Data Share Agreement**

**Motion 28-2020 to enter into Data Share Agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.** **This was recommended by WDB16 Motion 15-2020.**

**1st Santin 2nd Bethel Motion Carried**

1. **ApprenticeOhio Sponsorship**

**Motion 29-2020 for WDB16 to enter into an ApprenticeOhio agreement with the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. This was recommended by WDB16 Motion 14-2020.**

**1st Bethel 2nd Santin Motion Carried**

1. **County Sub Grant Agreements**

Rob explained the need to enter into sub grant agreements between WDB16 and each County in Workforce Area 16. Both the WDB16 and COG have approved these agreements in the past.

**Motion 27-2020 to enter into Sub Grant Agreements between WDB16 and each County in WDA16 (Belmont, Carroll, Harrison and Jefferson).**

**1st Santin 2nd Bethel Motion Carried**

1. **2021 Tentative COG Meeting Schedule**

Friday March 26, 2021 10am GoToMeeting

Friday June 25, 2021 10am GoToMeeting

Friday September 24, 2021 10am TBD

Friday December 17, 2021 10am TBD

**Motion 28-2020 to approve the above COG 2021 meeting dates, but for Staff to the Board to confirm with COG members the best time to meet.**

**1st Santin 2nd Bethel Motion Carried**

1. **Next Meetings – March 26, 2021 10am GoToMeeting**

1. **Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion 29-2020 Motion to Adjourn**

**1st Santin 2nd Bethel Motion Carried**

**Adjournment- 10:59am**

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**COG Chair Date**