



Workforce Development Area 16
Belmont, Carroll, Harrison & Jefferson Counties

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Workforce Development Board Meeting
 12/6/24 10:00 am
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 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Nicole Paulette, Board Chair at 10:04am.
2. Roll Call by Rob Guentter

Board Member Attendees: Ed Mowrer, Ed Good, Crystal Lorimor, Jake Hershberger, Jeff Vaughn, Sherri Lewis, Dean Petersen, Nicloe Paulette, William Moore, Kevan Brown, Nick Cacciaccaro, Anita Petrella, Marc Manheim, and Karla Martin. Quorum established.

Rob introduced Kevan Brown, Jefferson Co appointment from the IBEW, who is replacing Eric Nutter.

Non-Member Attendees: Mike Schlanz, Hope McAfee, Rebecca Safko, Rob Guentter, Rich Gualtiere, Alex Logan, Jacob Barr, Hannah Titi, and Jermel Bailey.

3. Virtual Meeting Policy
 Rob reviewed the state law around virtual meetings. He noted that all votes require voice votes on all agenda items.
4. Approval of Board 9/13/24 Minutes

Motion 24-2024 Motion to approve 9/13/24 Meeting Minutes

1st Martin 2nd Hershberger

Roll Call Vote

Mowrer	Good	Lorimor	Hershberger	Vaughn	Lewis	Petersen
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paulette	Moore	Brown	Cacciaccaro	Petrella	Manheim	Martin
Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes

Motion Approved

5. Financial/Participants Reports and Transfers

Rebecca provided the financial report based on the October 2024 statement.

Transfers:

- ✓ None

Motion 25-2024 Motion to approve financial report.

1st Vaughn 2nd Mowrer

Roll Call Vote

Mowrer	Good	Lorimor	Hershberger	Vaughn	Lewis	Petersen
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paulette	Moore	Brown	Cacciaccarro	Petrella	Manheim	Martin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Vote not heard	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Approved

6. WIOA Update

Rob Guentter shared a written Staff-to-the-Board report which included:

- WIOA and RESEA Reauthorizations
- Complaint Procedure 04-2017 (May 2020 last update) Updated contacts
- Outreach Committee and update
- Local and Regional Workforce Plan update
- TransfrVR Update
- Performance Reviews and CIPs (Belmont, Carroll and Jefferson Cos)

Rob provided a more detailed update of the status of WIOA being considered in this Congress for passage. It would likely reduce or eliminate youth funding and hold Adult and Dislocated Worker funding flat and require 50% of WIOA funding to be used for direct training services. Rebecca added that about 80% of our Youth Services are funded by CCEMP-TANF dollars.

Rob also encouraged Board Members to consider attending the Jan 22-23, 2025 Strategic Planning Conference in Marietta, where WIOA updates and strategic planning for our new 5-year Local and Regional Workforce Plan will be discussed. A grant has been requested to cover lodging at the Lafayette Hotel, food, and transportation. He will provide more details as available.

Finally, Rob shared that the \$500,000 ARC ARISE grant, focused on Apprenticeship in a 3-state area (OH, PA and WVA) has been approved. Our local cash match is being covered by GRIT.

7. Operator updates:

Belmont Co: Mike Schlantz reviewed the Belmont Co data handout report. Training has focused on CDL, Heavy Equipment, Real Estate, and Phlebotomy. Traffic at the OMJ Center has been 100-130/month. 24 businesses have been working with Belmont OMJ for job postings.

Carroll Co: Alex Logan reported that during the months of August to October, 476 people used the OMJ Resource Room. They continue to work on CCMEP outreach to identify and serve more youth.

Nicole asked about the new Unemployment Insurance (UI) pilot project in Carroll Co. Alex explained that the new UI Chat program has helped address client UI issues and has cut

response time considerably. Carroll Co is the first county in our area selected by UI to demonstrate this new service.

Also, congratulations to Kate Offenberger on her upcoming retirement, and the selection of Jennifer Burns to replace her as the next Carroll Co JFS Director.

Harrison Co: Jacob Barr shared that the Harrison Co OMJ is now fully staffed (1 person returning to work and 1 new hire), and they will work on increasing awareness and outreach. OMJ traffic was slow in September and October.

Jefferson Co: Hope McAfee said they now have a waiting list to serve Adult and Dislocated Workers. She also discussed how GRIT funding has been wonderful to administrate, and they are using it effectively. OMJ traffic has been slow, at 30-36 per month. RESEA is doing well and Rob added that a recent monitoring with the state was very favorable to the work the Jefferson Co CAC staff is doing to run the RESEA program for our area.

8. Data Share Contract Revision

Rob explained that the current Data Share agreement with the state provides a number of data sets we do not use but impose some data destruction requirements that are hard to guarantee, placing unnecessary liability on the Board, staff, and County Commissioners. We are required to keep the agreement for RESEA data, but nothing else. Rob recommended reducing the agreement to RESEA only. He has already discussed this with state officials, and they are supportive.

Motion 26-2024 to approve an amendment to the Data Share Agreement by accepting RESEA data only 1st Good 2nd Lorimor

Roll Call Vote

Mowrer	Good	Lorimor	Hershberger	Vaughn	Lewis	Petersen
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paulette	Moore	Brown	Cacciaccarro	Petrella	Manheim	Martin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Vote not heard	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Approved

9. Other Discussion:

Rob proposed a 2025 WDB16 Board meeting schedule as follows:

Proposed 2025 meeting dates (all at 10:00am):

Fridays March 14, 2025; June 13, 2025 (in person); September 12, 2025, and December 5, 2025

Motion 27-2024 to accept the above 2025 WDB16 Board meeting schedule 1st Hershberger 2nd Lorimor

Roll Call Vote

Mowrer	Good	Lorimor	Hershberger	Vaughn	Lewis	Petersen
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paulette	Moore	Brown	Cacciaccarro	Petrella	Manheim	Martin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Vote not heard	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Approved

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion 28-2024 to adjourn.

1st Good 2nd Paulette

Roll Call Vote

Mowrer	Good	Lorimor	Hershberger	Vaughn	Lewis	Petersen
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paulette	Moore	Brown	Cacciacarro	Petrella	Manheim	Martin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Vote not heard	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Approved

Next Meeting: Fri March 14, 2025 GoTo 10am

Adjournment- 11:49pm

Nicole Paulette
Board Chair

3/14/2025
Date