

Lucas County Workforce Development Board
Quarterly MEETING MINUTES FOR Wednesday, April 28 @ 3:00 pm
 Via Zoom & Streamed on Facebook Live Facebook Page

LCWDB BOARD MEMBERS

Y	Boyd, LaTonya	N	Hughes, Josh	Y	Newby, Andrew
Y	Conover, David	Y	Knisely, Jeremy	Y	Moore, Teresa
Y	Daher, Lee	N	Langenderfer, Nicole	Y	Morris, Deb
Y	Dimitrew, Tom	Y	Luzar, Joe	Y	Potter, Scott
N	Dockery, Clint	Y	McConnell, Karyn	Y	Smith, Denise
Y	Dymarkowski, Charlotte	Y	McDonald, Loren	Y	Stockdale, Steven
Y	Hayes, Scott	N	McDougall, Michelle	Y	Tsegaye, Jonathan
N	Hill, Kristi	Y	McLaney, Jeremy	Y	Valleroy, Kristy
N	Hollister, Jack	N	Moffitt, Valerie		

Board of County Commissioners

N	Skeldon Wozniak, Tina President	N	Gerken, Pete	N	Byers, Gary
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Staff & Visitors

Y	Megan Vahey Casiere (Administration)	Y	Chad Olson (DPD)	Y	
Y	Veh, Mike (DPD)		Ben Pushka	Y	
Y	Upchurch, Michelle (DPD)				
Y	Glaza, Dave (DPD)				

Call to Order

The meeting of Lucas County Workforce Development Board convened via Zoom and streamed on Facebook Live on OMJ page on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 and was called to order by Chair, L. Daher at 3:03 pm.

Approvals

Meeting minutes:

- L. Daher asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2021 & April 16, 2021 meetings. Motion was made by C. Dymarkowski and seconded by K. McConnell. The motion passed unanimously.

New Board Members Introduction

- LaTanya Boyd introduced herself to the WDB as a new member
- Jeremy McLaney who is replacing Johnathan Tsegaye on the WDB was also introduced.

Strategic Plan Goal 1

- M. Vahey Casiere gave an update on the One-Stop Operator transition which is fully underway. The transition is smooth and cooperative thus far. Harbor will be a part of the project team for the new Shared Campus as they will be the running the resource room and be our face to the public. There is no timeline as to when the current resource room will reopen and public facing departments have not yet opened to the public.
- M. Vahey Casiere gave an update on the Shared Campus. The progress is moving right along. Renderings of the space were shown and described at this meeting.
- C. Dymarkowski reported on the In-Demand Occupation list. The introduction of this list will allow for further discussions in the future. As we try to raise people out of poverty, viewing this list will show us where we need to spend our training dollars. Our minimum wage threshold is \$13.50 in order to provide on-the-job training dollars. At a future business advisory group meeting we need to review polices to better assist raising people out of poverty also look at employers and agencies we are partnering with. This list came from the Ohio Department of Jobs & Family Services. This document will be sent out via email to board members.
- WorkReady Lucas County report was reviewed (copy of report in meeting packet).

Strategic Plan Goal 2

- L. Daher reported on the RETAIN grant. This is an ODJFS grant in which they are applying to the DOL for Phase 2 of this grant that will be available in Lucas County. This is a pilot program that has worked well in other counties. It is designed to help employees who are injured who are not covered by Workers Comp to assist in bridging the gap in loss of income or to learn a new skill if injury prevents them from returning to that line of work. Since it is a pilot program there is not incentive for the employers at this time. The State of Ohio has been awarded \$18.8 million dollars for this grant. Lucas County will receive \$100,000 per year for the next four years to spend on employer outreach. The program is set to launch in October 2021.
- L. Daher reported on the In-Demand Jobs Week job fair taking place first the full week of May 2021 at Lucas County OMJ at 1301 Monroe Street in the parking lot. Over 30 employers will be present. The WDB is invited to visit and check out the participation.
- Incumbent Worker & OJT report was reviewed (copy of report in meeting packet).

Strategic Plan Goal 3

- M. Veh reported on the Opioid grant. The grant was scheduled to end soon, but was extended by the State of Ohio until December 2021, but the DOL made further extension to March 2022. Carl Christopher is the project manager for this grant and five of the participants of this program have been hired fulltime.
- ITA, CCMEP & Career Services, and OMJ Lucas County Job Center reports were reviewed (copies of reports in meeting packet).

Strategic Plan Goal 4

- M. Veh reported on the Business Services grant. These dollars are for business outreach. There has been evaluation on the strategy around it to ensure it aligns with updated strategic plan. Where will it be best spent? What is our message? We are still in the planning stage and will give an update at the next meeting.

Strategic Plan Goal 5

- L. Daher informed the board that the business advisory group has been working on the strategic plan and the deadline for submission has been extended to May 2021. The review process has been timely to make sure there is clarity and a focused message so we see tangible changes. No huge changes have been made, but the revised plan takes the developments in the workforce space into account. It is near completion.

Financial Report – Dave Glaza

- D. Glaza gave the financial report (copy of report in meeting packet).

Other Business

- M. Vahey Casiere gave an update on several projects within Lucas County. In addition to the new Shared Campus, construction has begun on the Convention Center & Ballroom, Hotel Seagate has been demolished, Park Inn will become the new Hilton Hotel with renovations planned from the inside out. A new Lucas County Canine Care facility is still in the works. The future looks bright in Lucas County!
- **Adjourned 3:58 p.m. motion by C. Dymarkowski.**

Minutes recorded and submitted by Michelle Upchurch – executive assistant to the Lucas County Department of Planning & Development.