

Monmouth County Workforce Development Board
INFORMATIONAL SESSION
September 14, 2023

Members Present

Robert Connolly, Chair
Brian Wallace, Trustee
Patricia Carlesimo, Trustee
Anthony Cipriano
Paul Dement
Chris Femiano
John Gagliano
Kay Harris
Gail Russell
David Stout
Cheryl Vail
Cyndie Williams

Members Absent

Wyatt Earp
Lucille Famulary
Charles Ford
Dallas Hlatky
Roseann Isasi
Meg Cody
Geoff Perseley
Violeta Peters
William Salcedo
Robert Shimko
Jodi Grinwald
Cyndie Williams

Guests

Ian Trammell, Brookdale Community College

Staff Present

Larry Sternbach
Yolanda Taylor
Lucy Rivera

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- A meeting of the Monmouth County Workforce Development Board took place at 3:00 PM on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the Seahorse in Asbury Park. Because there was not a quorum, the meeting was informational and no voting took place.
- Robert Connolly, Chair of the Workforce Development Board welcomed and thanked everyone who took time from their busy schedules to join the WDB meeting. He also thanked Chris Femiano, of Madison Marquette for hosting the meeting.
- In opening the session, Mr. Connolly stated that the purpose of the informational session would be to make announcements and reports, hold discussion, and disseminate information.
- Introduced Ian Trammell from Brookdale Community College who would be making a presentation on the Brookdale Community College's Social Impact Collaboratory.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Membership Update:
 - Larry Sternbach, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board reported the following:
 - John Ciufu, Director of the Monmouth County Economic Development would be stepping down from the Workforce Development Board. A replacement for that seat is to be determined by the County Administrator.
 - All Workforce Development Board members whose terms were expiring on June 30, 2023 have been reappointed by the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners at their board meeting of June 22, 2023.

- PY'22 Year End Statistics

Statistics	July 2022-June 2023	vs. Year Ago
Calls Received	4846	7617
Customers Served	3185	2985
Enrolled in Training	192	204

- Dashboard:
 - PY'23 Allocations:
 - Total Budget of \$4,457,168
 - A decrease of 3% in WIOA funding
 - A decrease of 25% in WFNJ funding
 - A total decrease of 9%
- Performance Measures:
 - As of the end of June 2023, all performance measures have been met or exceeded.
- Conflict of Interest Policy:
 - A Conflict of Interest Policy was distributed to members of the Workforce Development Board for signature. For those members not in attendance the policy will be emailed.
- Alumni Awards:
 - The Alumni Awards Luncheon is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 27, 2023 at the Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune.
- Governance Update:
 - The WDB Governance Workgroup and County Administration met on July 25, 2023. The Workgroup consisted of the following WDB members: Rob Connolly, Chris Femiano, John Gagliano and William Salcedo.

- Rob Connolly, Chair of the WDB, and Geoff Perseley,,representing the County, scheduled a meeting with the Division of Workforce Development staff.
- A timeline for the RFP for Career Services and the One-Stop Operator was shared with the WDB.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Youth Committee:
 - Met with the Monmouth County Vocational School District to hold a Healthcare Job Fair in March 2024 at the Monmouth Regional High School.
 - The committee also recommended having a Career Exploration Day for Grades 5th through 7th in May 2024 at 1000 Kozloski Road, Freehold.
 - Committee for Inclusive Employment:
 - Committee recommended that the Monmouth County Office of County Commissioners issue a proclamation designating October “Disabilities Employment Awareness Month”.
 - Commissioner Kiley will kick off at the Job Fair on September 28th and present the proclamation.
 - Basic Skills & Literacy Committee:
 - The Committee recommended having a Resource Fair on November 14th at the Monmouth County Vocational School in Neptune.
 - One-Stop Operations Committee:
 - Continues with their “Impact 2025 Initiative” to develop initiatives on how to have a greater impact on the number of people served.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fall Job Fair – September 28th at Brookdale
- Disabilities Employment Awareness Month – October 2023
- Alumni Awards Luncheon – October 27th – Jumping Brook Country Club
- ESL & GED Resource Fair – November 14th in Neptune
- Healthcare Job Fair – March 2024 – Monmouth Regional H.S.
- Spring Job Fair – April 17, 2024 at Brookdale
- Career Exploration Day – May 2024 – Freehold

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Larry Sternbach, WDB Executive Director, announced that he will be retiring from the Monmouth County Workforce Development Board effective January 5, 2024.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

NEXT MEETING:

- December 7, 2023 – 10:00 AM – Location: TBD