



Workforce System Network Committee Meeting Minutes

Members present: Committee Chair, Stacy Snider, Kevin Gruenwald, Vance Read

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 2024 Virtual Only

- **One-Stop Operator Report for PY24 Q1**

Discussion focused on various aspects of workforce development in Southeast Missouri, with Stacy Snider leading discussions on the One Stop Operator report and upcoming events, such as the open house at the Cape Girardeau Missouri Job Center on November 7. The group noted the Park Hills Job Center's high foot traffic and discussed the closure of the Sikeston Job Center due to funding issues, while expressing optimism for its potential revitalization. Job referral statistics were reviewed, revealing a successful referral rate of 100% for job orders, although concerns were raised about the lack of data on employment outcomes and a decline in dislocated worker numbers. Positive feedback from job center surveys highlighted the effectiveness of staff, particularly at the Park Hills location, in providing timely assistance to clients. The high response rate and positive feedback are indicative of a well-functioning job center.

- **Regional Program Enrollments PY24 Q1- EDSI**

Gretchen presented a detailed review of the enrollments across the region by EDSI. Discussions included outreach efforts in Madison and Perry counties, with staff members actively engaging youth in training programs. The region continues to have the “Scholars at Work” program which can support youth from Madison County. Danise will contact EDSI to ensure youth in Madison County have possible opportunity in “Scholars at Work”. Gretchen outlined enrollment targets for the upcoming program year, reporting progress in youth enrollments and the number of individuals currently served across multiple counties. Dislocated worker enrollments are down but that is due to not having employer layoffs. Enrollment targets for EDSI are on mark to be met.

- **WIOA Performance PY23 and WIOA Impact Report**

Performance was reviewed and compared to the State’s performance numbers along with other regions. The Southeast Region was one of only three regions that achieved 90% and above in all 15 measures. Performance metrics were analyzed, revealing challenges faced by rural communities, particularly regarding transportation and funding disparities. WDB staff continue to track predictive performance using resources and tools at the state and local levels to identify potential issues. Discussion on the challenges faced by case managers due to the negative circumstances of some clients.

A detailed PY23 WIOA Impact Report provided by FuterWorks was reviewed. The impact report for the Southeast Region showed that the economic impact of employment and earnings from clients served brought \$202,346,740.00 to the region.

Performance negotiations for PY24 & PY25 have been completed between the WDB staff and the OWD Job Stat team. The committee and WDB staff were pleased with the final agreed upon goals for PY24 & PY25.

- **Local Supportive Service Policy**

The committee addressed necessary revisions to the local supportive service policy to align with state mandates, emphasizing the importance of flexibility in budget approvals to support clients effectively, reflecting the collaborative efforts to enhance workforce services in the region. A motion to approve the revised policy was made by Stacy Snider, seconded by Kevin Gruenwald, motion carried..

- Committee Chair, Stacy Snider or President/COO, Gretchen Morse will provide committee update at full board meeting on 11/1/24.
- **Next Meeting – 1/8/25 Virtual 9am**
- **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Kevin Gruenwald, seconded by Stacy Snider, motion carried.