

One-Stop Partner Meeting Minutes

Tuesday

September 12, 2023

12:00PM-2:00PM

Meeting Facilitator: Clayton Hamilton, One-Stop Coordinator, HRDF

Core Partners: Present: Melissa Bias: ED-Region 2, David Felinton: Workforce WV, Tim Bowens: DRS. Not Present: Chandra Perry: Dept. of Education

Present: Paige Justice (Huntington Junior College), Craig Coster (Worthy Ambitions), Brian Hankins (DHHR), Jill Goheen (MAMC), Melissa Bias (Region 2 WIB), Malissa Dishman (Region 2 WIB), Adam Warden (Region 2 WIB), Heather Bennett (Prester), Dylan Vogel (Prester), Latuane Pugh (The School of Medicine), David Felinton (Workforce WV), Jenifer Pritt (First Choice Services), Tim Bowens (DRS), Melissa Layman (Workforce WV), and Charles Shaw.

Welcome and Introductions:

- Introductions around the room were conducted to tell who they were and what organization they represented.

Minutes:

- There was a motion to approve minutes from our last session on 08.08.23 by Brian Hankins and Craig Coster seconded the motion.

Updates:

- Discussion of up-coming Career Fair: we can accommodate 40 plus vendors, with some being outside, demonstrating drones and 160 Driving Academy will have a semi-truck. Some employers will be offering applications.
- Partner Referral Form: everyone now send by email to Clayton Hamilton.

- Discussion of looking into tattoo removal to be paid for by supportive services.
- PSS Training was discussed. Mountwest and Recovery Point offer this training.
- There are employers who offer a Paid Apprenticeship Program.

Region 2 WIB Update:

- Executive Director Melissa Bias discussed how One-Stop works together as a team to get people the help they need.
- Melissa Bias discussed how the WIB is working with Recovery Point and different organizations to see how much money we can receive which allows us to assist and help individuals.

One-Stop Updates/Discussion:

- Workshops at Huntington One Stop for the month of September.
- Discussion of barriers that individuals face in various programs in our region.
- Craig Coster, with Worthy Ambitions, has a General Contracting Service who works with Jobs & Hope and local Veterans to assist Recovery Clients to re-stabilize into society and help them build a business.
- ABAWD re-started: people will start being suspended from Snap Benefits and will need opportunities to have available volunteer work at Wayne & Lincoln: 20 hours/week needed with companies.
- Discussions revealed that Second Chance Employers are needed.
- Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center: “2023 WV Makes Festival” (October 6th @ 9AM-2PM).

Adjourned at 1:51pm

Respectfully Submitted by Malissa Dishman