

**Meeting Minutes for 4-27-2015**

**WIOA Youth Services and Partnerships Meeting**

**Chair-Carolynnette Scott**

**Co-Chair- Donnice Brown**

In attendance: Carlton Fonville (DHR), Michele Stewart (DORS), Mary O'Connor (MSDE), LaSandra Diggs (DJS), Gregory Adams (DLLR), Denean Jones-Ward (Worwic CC), Barbara Martin (DLLR), Patricia Tyler (DLLR), Diane Pabich (GWIB), Sherida Morrison (BCWD), Erin Roth (DLLR), Molly Dugan (DLLR), Donnice Brown (MOED), Patrice Sowah (DJS)

Via teleconference: Danielle Lyons (DDA), Christy Stewart (MSDE), Gerri Garner (DHR), Julie Handzo (DHR), Rayshelle Robinson (DHR)

Greeting and Introductions occurred; each member identified agency representation as well as roles in relationship to youth services. Brief overview of primary changes to youth services was highlighted as reviewing DOL's WIOA's fact sheet. All DLLR workgroup info was shared and informed to discuss various agency staff members that may have interest. Partners were informed to reach out to chairs identified for further info. Donnice provided overview of Youth Services and Partnerships Workgroups purpose and items to be addressed (per hand out provided). Sub workgroups were reviewed as well as their goals (per agenda). Members were informed to select a sub-group to join, each group allowed 30 minutes to respond topics per agenda (see attached sub group break-out meeting info). Group reconvened and reported out results of meeting. Each was informed to being to identify additional members. Methods and dates were to be discussed when groups will meet to continue identifying agenda topics. Next meeting date via teleconference on May 18<sup>th</sup> was provided. Sub group were informed to included chair and co-chair on meeting emails. Group was dismissed.

## Sub Group 1- Building System Capacity

Members- Erin Roth, Pat Tyler, Greg Adams, Patrice Sowah-facilitator, Diane Pabich, Sherida Morrison

### Overview of Current Youth Program

#### Statewide Representation

- Economic Development/WF Systems
  - Marine Trades Associations of MD
- Telemon
- Trans Cert

#### Job Readiness Programs

#### Streamline Process EX. ACE Model

- Best Practices
  - Kennedy Kreiger

#### Grassroots organization

- Frontline
  - The Intersection
  - Soccer w/o Borders
  - YMCA
  - Big Brother Big Sisters

#### State/Localities Communicating

- One platform/collaborative
- Housing & housing planning (DHCD)
- Minority Business
- Martin Schatz Vehicles for Change
- Community Colleges
- School System
- Henderson-Hopkins School?
- Court Systems
- Health/Mental Substance
- Churches

## Sub-group 2- Best Practices for Serving Older/Out of School (OSY) Youth

Members: Molly Dugan-facilitator, Carlton Fonville, Lasandra Diggs, Deanean Jones-Ward

New Partners:

- Catholic Charities (basic needs, pantries, foster/youth services)
- Annie E. Casey Foundation – Choice program
- University of MD- School of Social Work
- Goodwill Industries
- MSDE-JSE (Juvenile Services Education)
- MD Cash Campaign
- Balto Cash Campaign
- Apprenticeships (Industry-Based)
  - Further research on employed based options (Walmart & McDonald's)

Barriers/Gaps:

- Statewide Disconnects (communication/distribution of community based/youth services)
- Managed Enrollment-GED programs
  - Explore transitional (more effective/efficient/flexible options to transition sooner)
- Eligibility Requirements (i.e. TANF, treated as general population-lack of specified service needs)
- Retention (involved/motivated)programs
  - Getting them connected/keeping them connected
  - Assessment services to overcome educational barriers
    - Language/disability
- Competition amongst providers (funding/outcomes data)
  - Lack of employment/education in rural areas
- Lack of wraparound (holistic services)

Strategies to Address Barriers:

- Interagency database for services/linkage
  - One-stop- enhanced services for public services
- Use of Technology-Social media to attract youth to navigate interactive services (App's)
- Research connective services with employers/more outreach, program design and policy development
- Research successful program models in other states- i.e. evidence based specifically

- Recruitment strategies-mentors-professionals for workforce training
- Expansion of (PAID) training programs

### Group 3 Enhancing Services for Youth with Disabilities

Members: Barbara Martin, Mary O'Connor-facilitator, Michelle Stewart

New Partners:

- Behavioral Health; Mona Figoro
- MSDE-Juvenile Services Education
- Vendors: ARC, Humanim, Project Search, Way Station/MDOD
- Community College (Disability Support Services)

Barriers:

- Lower expectation in CTE programs
- Few training options thru WIOA (testing requirements limits eligibility for some)
- Waiting list (DORS DDA) limits ability to start training early and to receive additional supports
- Access to AJC limited due to AJC's hours and school hours conflicting
- Transportation and accessibility of work stations at AJC
- Limited access to PC's at home (Pat suggested Everyoneon.org-low cost internet)
- Not enough hands-on work-based OJT's

Strategies:

- Expand summer employment opportunities
- Develop more partnerships/Hubs
- Expanding transition Councils