

**Area 8 Workforce Development Board Full Board Meeting  
Minutes 06/27/2024 Thursday 2:30 pm-4 pm JTMH - St. Marys,  
Ohio**

Minutes:

I. Roll Call

Meeting called to Order by Lesia Arnett, at 2:30 pm. with Roll Call. Attendance (9 in-person +4remote). Chair Arnett asked for the Approval of the agenda. Agenda passed

II. New Business

A. . Interim Director Rob Radway updated the Board on the search for a new Director. He informed the Board that an agreement with Auglaize County Commissioners to employ Amy Fremuth as the new Director of Area 8. Amy would be parttime and the Board would compensate Auglaize \$20,000 per year for Amy's services. Motion was made to Employ Amy Fremuth as Director: passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Interim Chair Arnett updated the Board on the progress of the new website. It is anticipated that the site will be operational by the Sept. Board meeting.

C. Interim Director Radway reported on Fiscal discussions with the state and counties. The need to spend down was identified by the state. The state is reluctant to issue additional funding until certain line items are near deletion. Interim Director Radway said most of the counties were uncomfortable with the process that would leave them in the lurch if additional funding was denied after spending down. To facilitate assisting each county Radway suggested that the Board immediately begin reallocating funds between counties to assist in the spending down. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. The Board members were updated as to the new WIOA legislation pending in Congress. One aspect of the new legislation is the creation of Standing Board Committees. Interim Director Radway will be soliciting from the Board which committee that would like to Chair.

E. Board member Dave Krendl agreed to fill the vacant Executive seat from Van Wert County. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

### III. Fiscal

A. Fiscal Specialist Anita Kramer updated the Board as to current funding levels for each county. With the State's current status toward additional funding, Anita said that the Area 8 is looked as a whole, not individual county. Thus the Board's need to reallocate funds across counties,

B. Rapid Response requests are coming from most the counties with some recent layoffs and closings. Hardin County sited 2 major closings ( Hardin Hill and Rita Aid). Other countries shared additional closings. Once AGAIN, the need to spend down is being required before Rapid Response funds can be allocated.

C. Fiscal Report to date was given by Fiscal Specialist Kremer. The need to report proper spending / accrual / obligations to the allocations was stressed, so that we can get a full picture of what Area 8's needs are. Also, discussion on the option of being able to charge adult expenditures under the Dislocated Worker grant has been approved by the state for Area 8 and Counties will want to utilize that option. Asked that counties take a hard look at the financials prior to the end of June.

### IV. Conclusion

Future meeting date:

- A. August 15, 2024 - Executive Committee Meeting – JTMH Board Room
- B. September 19, 2024 – Full Board Meeting – 2:30 pm – Auglaize Administrative Building