



Jobseeker Services

Date: September 23, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: GoToMeeting

Attendees: Ann Meyers, Betsy Hill, Billie Jo Greene, Bridgett Backman, Carrie Bendix, Deb Bahr-Helgen, Dena Edstrom, Diane Halvorson, Dina Wuornos, Jill Pitelkow, Jodi Yanda, John Olson, Jose Cabrera, Kari Paulsen, Marleen Lundberg, Pamela McCauley, Nicole Swanson, Tina Jaster, Sarah Saito, CJ Stanton, Tim Beaver, Tim Jones, ShaVonda Allen, Anna Mullikin, Kari Paulsen, Cole Maki, Diana Ristamaki, Heather Gleason, Eriann Faris, Anne Kilzer, Sonji Davis, Autumn Herber, Lensa Idossa, Diane Daleiden, Leslie Wojtowicz, Shannon Quigley, Deb Bahr-Helgen, Patricia Buxengard, Cynthia Larson, Nancy Omondi, Kay Tracy, Pamela McCauley, Elena Foshay, Tammy Biery, Brian Gapinski, Wanda Jensen, Karen Ritter

Notes (DRAFT)

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Welcome/Introductions

Nancy Omondi announced that her team would not be addressing any performance-related updates at the meeting. This topic will be addressed at the Operations meeting.

Presentation: Rural Minnesota CEP Mobile Services

- Rural CEP provides MFIP, Adult, and Youth services. The Adult and Youth services can be provided in all service areas.
- They are meeting customers where they're at with their mobile workshops. The mobile delivery model started out of necessity: transportation is a major barrier for many people. Bringing the services to their communities saves time for the client and reduces stress.
- Internet access in rural areas can vary widely. The staff carry a Jetpack device, a mobile hotspot that provides wireless internet to multiple devices at once.
- Mobile services are primarily administered in public areas: libraries, county buildings, cafes, etc. They can also be brought to specific homes by request. When there are home visits, two staff go together into the home for safety.
- Rural CEP is working on getting portable plexiglass to use as needed for mobile service delivery.

Discussion

- SCSEP Paid Sick Leave – Looking to determine whether seniors would be eligible for COVID sick leave. SSSI makes this decision.
 - County CARES Act funds, or other general county funds, could be used for this.
- TANF Innovations enrollments – Several areas have reported that enrollments are down. Areas are behind on their TANF spending.
 - Rural CEP has found more success with 14/15 year-olds and dual enrollment than finding young MFIP parents.
 - Anoka has been working to identify Coursera courses that would be of interest to youth. They are developing an outline for their services.

- Kay Tracy said that WDAs have been using stipends and incentives.
 - Kay Tracy will follow up with Elena Foshay regarding the use of incentives.
 - The City of Minneapolis uses an interesting model which will also be sent to Elena.
- Pamela McCauley added that DHS is hoping to provide as much flexibility for moving around unspent funds as possible.
- Kay Tracy suggested that the Youth Team could co-sponsor a webinar on this topic with DHS. More information to come.

Standardized Workshops Update – Diane Daleiden and Cynthia Larson

- The standardized workshop project started back with the transition to CareerForce across the system.
- Diane and Cynthia shared their projected timeline. They are planning on a 5-month pilot program. Even though materials have become available, local areas should not use them until the pilot program is complete.
- See the attached documents for additional information.
- Question: Can additional people participate in the Advisory Group / Community of Practice?
 - Answer: Yes, they are open to having additional participants.
- As the pilot continues, new facilitators will be trained.
- Five regions are participating in the pilot. They are missing a participant from southern Minnesota. Volunteers should contact Diane Daleiden at diane.daleiden@co.anoka.mn.us.
- The curriculum was originally developed for in-person delivery so some changes will need to be made for remote trainings due to COVID.

Youth Team Update – Kay Tracy, John Olson, and Team

- See attached document for updates.
- Contact Kay or John with thoughts regarding the automated self-certification item.

ACP, DW, and TAA Updates

- See attached documents.

DHS Updates

- Still operating with an emergency. Most waivers have been extended for 30 days. Reach out to DHS partners with questions as needed.

ABE Updates

- See attached document.
- When the GED went for-profit, it opened the market to new competitors. There is an RFP open for other exams. Updates to come about the result of this process.

Adjourned 2:43 PM

Next meeting: October 28th. Typically, the Jobseeker Services meetings are held the day before Operations to facilitate reduced travel time between meetings, but since both are held remotely next month JSS will be held the week after Operations due to a calendar irregularity with the pattern of weeks in October. Questions? Contact baccettura@mncounties.org.