



## **MAWB Policy & Issues Committee Minutes**

January 20, 2021

### **New Policies or Issues from DEED**

#### *Grants and Funding*

- Minnesota Economic Recovery Jobs Program: For people between ages 18-25. Focus on career readiness and work experience. Pilot program in the metro area. DEED and local areas are doing employer outreach. Looking for jobs that do not require a drivers' license or a high school diploma. The local area will get "credit" for the placement.
- Planning Estimates for WIOA (Minnesota): Youth PY20 was \$8.2M, will be \$10.7M. Adult PY20 was \$6.9M, will be \$9M. DW PY20 was \$8.6M, will be \$10.2M. Overall PY20 was about \$23M and this is increasing to about \$30M. About \$6.2M increase. DEED staff will be working on ASUs, which will cover a 12-month period from July 2019 - June 2020.
- Expect to see Wagner-Peyser numbers in April of 2021.
- Construction Career Pathways Grant: Highway Administration put out a grant for \$4M. Applications are due February 22nd. This grant is just to support OJTs.
- Youth at Work grant released today, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- H-1B: Minnesota was not funded through either the statewide (DEED) application or the Metro area application. Marc requested feedback from DOL. Transportation project will go to MJSP for consideration.
- \$22M RETAIN grant application will be submitted in the next month. Plan to serve 3,000 people over 4 years.
- NEG: Plan to use RFP process. Hoping that it will be a shorter application. Marc is meeting with DOL on 1/26 and can provide more information at that time.

#### *CareerForce*

- Discussion ensued about having a shared message across the CareerForce system about the importance of enforcing COVID-19 safety precautions in all locations. A message has been drafted and will be sent to DEED staff and then sent to MAWB Directors.
- Request from DEED to send safety plans for all locations, even those that are not site-managed by DEED. Discussion ensued. DEED will double-check to see whether they already have the plans – if not, they will circle back.
- There will be a social media campaign to reach out to BIPOC communities. Discussion ensued about how best to reach out to jobseekers.

#### **Next Steps**

- MAWB will collect responses from all local areas and create a list of locations that are open by appointment.