

MAWB Jobseeker Services Committee Minutes

May 26, 2021

Summary of Best Practice Presentation

Becca Johnson, Eligibility and Intake Supervisor at Anoka County, shared a presentation about their new online inquiry system. Further details can be found in her <u>presentation</u>. She also shared a live demonstration of completing the online form from the customer and staff standpoints. The form was built by Anoka County IT staff.

DEED Updates

- Adult Team: General Updates, Adult Career Pathways, WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker, Trade Adjustment Assistance. <u>See written updates</u>.
 - The Adult Team is working to get an updated schedule for the next MJSP meeting and will notify partners when the information is received.
- Job Service
 - Good Jobs Now calls: Job Service is partnering with UI to make calls to individuals currently receiving unemployment insurance. The calls started with the hospitality industry and are now moving into retail.
 - In the Staff & Partners Section of the CareerForceMN.com website, there is a link to additional resources about Foreign Labor Certification and H-2A.
 - The finalized Standardized Workshop curriculum is also posted on the Staff & Partners page. Minor updates are being made this week.
- Youth Team: <u>See written updates</u>. Additional resources are also posted on the committee page.
- Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity
 - Currently hiring for an Equal Opportunity and Access Coordinator.
 - Will be posting a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator position soon.
 - Site visits and monitoring will be a focal point in the next year.
 - Language access plans will also be a strong focus.

DHS Updates

- The Workforce One Connect App is now available for download! The soft launch began last Friday and will be in place for about 30 days.
- The app will have a staggered rollout in five phases. Counties should notify by June 1 whether they want to be included in Phase 1.
- More languages for the app will be added later.
- Minnesota was selected as a participant in a <u>Mathematica study</u> about the impact of pilot programs on innovative practices to connect SNAP participants to jobs. Next week, someone will reach out to other Minnesota providers to identify other participants.
- There will be changes to the activities category in the online system for the annual work plans. These changes are intended to align more closely with reporting requirements.

Leading with Equity

• Carrie Bendix shared <u>a resource list</u> for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.