



## MAWB Jobseeker Services Committee Minutes

June 16, 2021

### Summary of Featured Topic

The goal of Retaining Employment and Talent after Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN) is to increase employment retention and labor-force participation of ill and injured individuals and to reduce long-term work disability. The project has been in a Phase I pilot but will soon be moving to Phase II. Phase II has \$19.5 million in funding. Phase II will take the program statewide. It is a statewide and local partnership project, including DEED, MDH, DLI, the Mayo Clinic, and local areas. [See the slideshow](#) for further details.

### DEED Updates

- Adult Team: General Updates, Adult Career Pathways, WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker, Trade Adjustment Assistance. [See written updates.](#)
- CareerForce Systems: [See written updates.](#)
- Youth Team: [See written updates.](#)

### DHS Updates

- SNAP E&T
  - Work plans will be going out early next week. The plans will ask for more detail than has been asked in the past. More information will be shared at the meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>. If you can't attend, handouts will be distributed after the meeting. Contact [anastasia.polda@state.mn.us](mailto:anastasia.polda@state.mn.us) if you need the invitation.
  - Intern Kwesi Essilfie will be assisting with the virtual annual meeting and several data projects. The annual meeting will likely be in the second week of August, dates TBD.
  - Tikki Brown has been promoted and is now the [Assistant Commissioner of Children and Family Services](#).
  - AARP is seeking collaborations with local areas to provide SNAP E&T for individuals over 50. If you are interested, please join the Coordination Workgroup meeting tomorrow. Other announcements will also be shared at this meeting.

**ABE Updates:** [See written updates.](#) The [ABE Summer Institute](#) will be held August 18-19 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

**Leading with Equity:** Co-Chair Nicole Swanson discussed the importance of working with justice-involved populations and the equity issues involved with this group. A committee member shared [a report from the Markle Foundation – Rework America Alliance](#).

**July Jobseeker Services Committee meeting date TBA.**