



## MAWB Jobseeker Services Committee

September 22, 2021 via Zoom

### Minutes

- Meeting convened at 1pm. Nicole noted the JSS Committee will continue to meet virtually moving into 2022 due to the pandemic. Recognized September is Suicide Awareness Month.
- **Best Practice presentation:** Eriann Faris from SW MNPIC presented on the Construction Trades Cankuya Program at the Lower Sioux Indian Community which creates customized career pathways program for youth within the Lower Sioux Indian Community. Video can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfqm2m3XcvI>
- **Adult Programs**
  - General Updates – Partner Express monthly newsletter went out recently.
  - Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs – Quarter 4 performance is posted [here](#). Met or exceeded all performance for DW and Adult.
  - Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board (MJSP) meeting scheduled for Monday October 25, 2021. Please send any supplemental funding requests by Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - All adult program updates can be found [here](#).
- **ABE**
  - Julie Dincau provided updates, Minnesota will now offer two different high school equivalency tests, the GED and the HiSET test, will be rolled out in 6 months
  - Integrated education and training is being promoted by feds, combining training and basic education, trying to offer more trainings that include concurrent and contextual education and training
  - Racial equity grant going to SW ABE program, looking for possible subcontractors to work on racial equity
  - Adult ed competition next year, local boards will be asked to review applications.
- **Job Service**

- Art Larsen gave updates on Good Jobs Now Calls—continue to make calls, over 85k have been made. Staff are moving to more in-person services in 16 comprehensive centers. (Blaine Bloomington, Brainerd, Burnsville, Duluth, Hibbing, Mankato, Marshall, Minneapolis, Monticello, Rochester, St. Cloud, St. Paul, Thief River Falls, Winona, Woodbury)
- Job Search Appointment (In-Person, Phone, or Online)—can sign up for appointments via CareerForceMN.com, people who come in are given a COVID screening. Looking for more ways to market the appointments. Appts are being underutilized.
- State workshops can be searched here: <https://www.careerforcemn.com/careerforce-location/careerforce-anywhere>
- Discussion around offering evening workshops virtually and career fairs. Some jobseekers are requesting this.
- **Youth**
  - Kay and John provided updates. Minnesota met or exceeded all statewide performance goals for the PY20 WIOA Youth Program.
  - Full Youth updates can be found here: <http://mawb-mn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/JSS-Youth-Updates-9-22-21.pdf>
- **DHS SNAP E&T**
  - Anastasia Polda presented increased emphasis on compliance from feds
  - Implementing change around provider determination—providers will be receiving more information and a form.
  - WF1 changes to align with federal reporting requirements.
  - Received federal data grant focused on improving participation and performance.
- **Veterans**
  - Ray Douha discussed awareness around veteran’s suicides and increased numbers, VA has resources for them.
  - Veteran’s Career Fair will be held at the Earl Brown Heritage Center on November 3
  - UI rate is 3.8%, much lower than last year but due to unattachment to workforce and UI benefits. Have been serving more women and BIPOC vets.
- **Leading with Equity**
  - Karen Lilledahl provided [updates](#) on EEO and Civil Rights.

- Upcoming Training: The Forum on Workplace Inclusion is presenting “Identifying and Eliminating Systemic Barriers to Employment for Immigrants and Refugees.” October 21, 2021 11a.m., Register here: <https://forumworkplaceinclusion.org/webinars/identifying-and-eliminating-systemic-barriers-toemployment-for-immigrants-and-refugees/>
- Discussed National Hispanic Heritage Month <https://www.hispanicheritagemoth.gov/>
- Advancing Worker Equity resource: [https://advancingequity.ideascale.com/a/index?utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ODEP\\_Newsletter\\_9-17-21](https://advancingequity.ideascale.com/a/index?utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ODEP_Newsletter_9-17-21)

**Jobseeker Services Committee Adjourned at 2:45.**

**Next Meeting: October 27th, 2021, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**