



**MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION
OF WORKFORCE BOARDS**

MAWB Jobseeker Services Committee Minutes

February 23, 2022

Jeanna Fortney shared that Christen Pentek, Performance Measures Specialist and ETPL Administrator, attended the last Policy & Issues Committee meeting and shared data element context/requirement for Individualized Training Accounts (ITA). They need to collect some required information on this. At Policy & Issues, it was decided that staff engagement is necessary, so a small group will be formed and Christen will attend the next Jobseeker Services Committee meeting to share more information.

DHS Updates

- SNAP E&T
 - Beginning strategic planning; scoping and strategies groups will work on next steps. Many Jobseeker Services Committee members may be invited to attend.
 - Annual Review is coming up in March. If contract is under \$250,000, an Annual Review will be conducted in March. Local areas should have received an email with a date and instructions.

DEED Updates

- Veterans Employment Program: See [info sheet](#). Will update next meeting with Jeanna's start date. Joint Services Career Fair in Saturday, March 5th, and 16th Annual Veterans Career Fair will be on May 18th – more information on location available soon.
- Adult Team: General Updates, Adult Career Pathways, WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker, Trade Adjustment Assistance. [See written updates](#).
- Employment Services: [See written updates](#).
- Youth Team: [See written updates](#).
 - Suggested inviting the Labor Market Information office to an upcoming Operations meeting to discuss impacts of the Areas of Substantial Unemployment at the WDA level. This information will be released soon.
- Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity: Reviewed the role of Equal Opportunity officers in the workforce system. The state-level EO officer is Heather Stein. A local EO officer must also be designated from each of the WDAs. The name and contact information for the local area EO officer must be public and they should report directly to the highest leader at the local level. LWDA Board must ensure the EO officer and staff are given training to maintain their competency. See [29 CFR 38.28 – 38.33](#) for exact language from WIOA.

DHS Updates

- MFIP: Restarting the MFIP/DWP Joint Conference (vs. Joint Counselor Training), which has not been held since 2017. The intended audience is financial workers and employment services staff. DEED will be co-hosting the event. It will be held virtually for three half-days on September 27, 28, and 29 of 2022. DHS and DEED are working together to determine which DEED programs are the best match. Looking for three to five additional financial services staff/frontline staff to help plan the conference. Frontline staff are also invited to do presentations, and the planning team is taking suggestions on breakout topics.

Jobseeker Services Survey Results

- Nicole walked through the [results of the Jobseeker Services Committee survey](#).