



MAWB Jobseeker Services Committee Minutes

January 26, 2022

Summary of Featured Topics

Guest presenter shared information about their award-winning Discovery Days program, which allows jobseekers to have hands-on experience with a profession. They work with several event sponsors who help supply the materials for the event. Attendees generally pay \$30-50 to attend. [See slides](#). Upcoming Discovery Day dates are listed on the [committee page](#) – contact Audrey O’Driscoll at audrey.odriscoll@csjobs.org if you would like to attend.

DEED Updates

- Adult Team: General Updates, Adult Career Pathways, WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker, Trade Adjustment Assistance. See new organizational chart. [See written updates](#). See also PY21 Q1 performance documents on the [committee page](#).
- Job Service
 - Good Jobs Now phone calls to UI applicants continue, but the pool of UI applicants has started to diminish. Job Service will now increase efforts on follow-up calls and referrals.
- CareerForceMN.com
 - The Training Program Finder was put on the platform last Friday. Website visitors can search for no-cost training programs. Each listing will include the date, time, location, information on how to participate, outcomes, and eligibility requirements. DEED and Partner Organization staff can add listings to this, but they must have Group Manager role to edit content. Contact careerforce@state.mn.us if you need assistance.
 - Still working on the replacement of MinnesotaWorks.net. No news yet.
- Youth Team: [See written updates](#).
- Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity: Presented many new EO updates based on new cases and clarifications from federal agencies. [See document for links to cases](#).

DHS Updates

- SNAP E&T: Shared two policy reminders.
 - 1) “A DWP participant can be co-enrolled in SNAP E&T (or vice versa), but you cannot seek reimbursement from SNAP E&T for anything that was paid for with DWP funds. For example, if you were working with a co-enrolled individual and you bought them work boots, and you paid for those work boots with DWP funding (or, in more practical terms, you paid for those work boots with funds that your accounting system would charge to DWP ultimately) you could not seek SNAP E&T reimbursement on those boots. In short, DWP funds cannot be reimbursed by SNAP E&T.”
 - There is a section in the old and new versions of the handbook on co-enrollment, and not much is different between the two versions. The co-enrollment section in the old version is on page 14. If you are looking for additional information on what you can seek reimbursement for, for a co-enrolled individual, see page 19 or in the [guidance on costs available online](#). However, neither of these resources specifically addresses DWP. The DHS team will work to update the handbook to address this.
 - 2) Educational programs must be two years or less and lead straight to employment, so four-year college students would not qualify nor would an associate degree (AA).

Next Jobseeker Services Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022