

Notes from Kay Tracy/Youth Team update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 2/23/22:

WIOA Youth Program:

1. **State-Level Planning Estimates for PY22 WIOA Youth:** DOL released TEN 14-20 on 1/14/22, which provides ***estimated*** state-level PY22 WIOA Youth allocations for PY2022. Minnesota's PY22 WIOA Youth allocation projected to **DECREASE by 4.36% to \$10.3 million.**
2. **WDA-Level ASU Data for PY2022 WIOA Youth Allocation Formula Available in February:** DEED's LMI Team will provide "updated" Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASU) data at the WDA-level SOON. The WDA-level ASU data is essential to update the WIOA Youth (and adult) allocation formulas. When DOL releases FINAL PY2022 WIOA Youth allocations, Youth Team will provide WDA-level allocations for PY22 WIOA Youth.
3. **Preliminary PY2021 WIOA Youth Performance Data:** Youth Team released Preliminary PY21 WIOA Youth performance data to local partners on 2/8/22. The data looks good, at this stage of the process. Rosters are available in WorkForce 1. **Please make certain that your WDA's Youth Team has a plan for entering participant report cards or transcripts into WorkForce 1 no later than June 30, 2022.**
4. **Narrative Updates of Local Youth Plans due on Friday, April 8, 2022 (for activities funded under PY22 WIOA Youth and SFY23 Minnesota Youth Program).** WDAs not required to submit BUDGET Summaries until final allocations are released. Early submittal of the narrative updates for PY2022 WIOA Youth and SFY2023 MYP helps expedite process of getting new funds out to the WDA level. To date, we've received Local Youth Plan narrative updates from: **Northwest WDA.**
5. **DOL Revised "Adjustments" to Required PY20 WIOA Youth Performance Measures, attached:** See Youth Tab for "adjusted" performance for Minnesota's PY 2020 WIOA Youth Program. DOL revised the model to add one additional data element to calculate the PY20 adjustments; hence, the re-release of the data. States and WDAs required to focus on two WIOA Youth Performance Measures in PY2020: 1) Employment Rate 2nd Quarter After Placement; and 2) Median Earnings 2nd Quarter After Exit. The same approach/adjustment model anticipated to be used by DOL for PY 21 WIOA Youth. **State-level Youth contacts requested meeting in March with DOL's Performance Team to clarify questions regarding "performance adjustments". We will keep you posted as we learn more.**
6. **States Required to Negotiate WIOA Performance Goals for PY22 & PY23:** estimated timeline is May of 2022. Two WDA Directors will participate as part of Minnesota's Negotiation Team (as in previous years). Current negotiation process is outlined in TEG 11-19. Again, we expect to be able to share more information following upcoming meeting in March.

Youth at Work and Youth Support Services Opportunity Grants –

7. **SFY23 Youth at Work Planning Instructions** (for updating Year 2 workplans/budgets) released by Youth Team on February, 11, 2022. Workplans and budgets are due on **March 15, 2022.**

8. **TAT Session for SFY22 Youth at Work and SFY22 Youth Support Services Grantees:** the next Technical Assistance session for Youth at Work and Youth Support Services Grantees will be announced soon for March/April. Questions or suggested topics? Please follow up with: Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.

TANF Youth Projects

9. **TANF Youth webpage:** the TANF Youth webpage has been updated with the local plans and other relevant documents for 2022, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/tanf/> . Questions? Please follow up with Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.

Thank you for your cooperation. If questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact me at Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or John.R.Olson@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us or Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.

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