



MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION  
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## MAWB Jobseeker Services Committee Notes

March 23, 2022

### Featured Presentation

Marie Larson, Industry Relations Manager at the City of Minneapolis Employment and Training, shared an overview of the [Region 4 – Metro Area Virtual Services project](#) which received a Promising Practice award at this past summer's MAWB Summer Meeting. The virtual services allowed the metro area to serve employers and jobseekers during COVID-19. They selected [EasyVirtualFair](#) as their online career fair platform and coordinated roles and schedules to share the platform among the metro area boards. Their [page on CareerForce](#) also shows upcoming online and in-person events.

### RETAIN

- A group of presenters shared an update on Retaining Employment and Talent after Injusty/Illness Network (RETAIN). The goals of the program are to keep people at work, find work accommodations for ill/injured individuals, and reduce long-term work disability. [See slides](#).

### DEED Updates

- Adult Team: General Updates, Adult Career Pathways, WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker, Trade Adjustment Assistance. [See written updates](#).
  - See also [CLIMB policy](#) to follow up on a question received from the committee.
- Employment Services: [See written updates](#).
- Youth Team: [See written updates](#) and other handouts posted to the committee page.
- Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity: [See written updates](#) on requirements for CareerForce locations regarding accessibility software.

### DHS Updates

- SNAP E&T
  - [See notes from first strategic planning session](#).
  - Any MAWB members interested in joining upcoming strategy sessions for SNAP E&T are invited! To attend, email Anastasia Polda at [anastasia.polda@state.mn.us](mailto:anastasia.polda@state.mn.us). Dates and topics:
    - March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 2:30 PM: Equity
    - April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 2:30 PM: COVID-19 Response
    - April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 2:30 PM: Serving ABAWDs

### Women's History Month

- Dig into some data! The [Department of Labor Women's Bureau](#) has information available on labor force participation rates broken out by various demographic features.
- DEED also has an [economic recovery dashboard](#) where you can see a graph of current employment statistics in Minnesota.