



MAWB Jobseeker Services Committee Notes

April 27, 2022

Equity Grounding

- See [resource from Team Dynamics](#) on diversity, equity, and inclusion definitions and discussion questions.

DEED Updates

- Veterans Services: Veterans Services staff can now access four correctional facilities as part of a pilot project to provide services to justice-involved individuals. The 16th Annual Veterans Career Fair will be held in May, and the annual Hire a Veteran Month will be moved from July to May this year, following approval from the Governor. DEED will be submitting an action plan to become a Yellow Ribbon state agency.
- 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.](#)
- Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity:
 - You can [view the US DOL's Equity Action Plan here.](#)
 - The ODEO office will be conducting site reviews this year. Due to limited staffing, it's possible that some areas will only be notified of the visit about a week in advance.
 - A customer's preferred language must be noted in Workforce One in the Demographics tab. This will soon be switched to a required question.
 - Emphasized the importance of language access in the centers.

MDE Updates

- Adult Basic Education: [See written updates.](#) There are three ways that someone can qualify for Ability-to-Benefit, and one of them is a "state defined process" which has recently been submitted for approval.

DHS Updates

- SNAP E&T: [See written updates](#) from the SNAP E&T Strategic Planning process. If you have feedback on the questions listed on page two of this document, please send a note to Anastasia.