

Notes from Kay Tracy/John Olson/Youth Team Update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on May 25, 2022:

- 1. Preliminary PY2021 WIOA Youth Performance Data (in MNPerforms as of 5/5/22):** released to WDAs in a separate message on 5/12/22. Please be certain that your staff collect transcripts or report cards for In- School Youth (ISY) and record that data in WorkForce 1. Staying current on follow up is a critical part of meeting performance goals. **Reminder: July 15, 2022 is cut-off date for making changes to PY21 WIOA Youth data in WorkForce 1.**
- 2. FINAL PY2022 WIOA Allocations issued by DOL in TEGL 9-21, dated May 6, 2022.** PY22 WDA-level WIOA **YOUTH** Allocations were released in a message from the Youth Team on **5/13/22**. A copy of the PY22 ASU Data prepared by DEED's LMI Team (used to update the youth allocation formula) was also included. There were five (5) Minnesota WDAs that had zero ASUs for PY22: Northwest, Southwest, South Central, Washington County and Winona County. BLANK PY22 WIOA Youth Budget Forms were included with the final allocations (**note: there is a special Budget Form for WDAs opting to implement the Homeless Youth/Foster Youth waiver**). **To date, final PY22 WIOA Budgets have been submitted/approved for the following WDAs: city of Minneapolis, Southwest WDA, Rural CEP, Washington County and Winona County.**
- 3. DEED/AFS Submitted SF424 for WIOA Youth to DOL on 5/13:** DOL will release the Notice of Authority (NOA) to states SOON. Youth Team will issue funds to the WDAs under the Master Agreements (pending receipt of the NOA); WDAs must have approved PY22 WIOA Youth Budget Forms. **Reminder: PY22 WIOA Youth Funding is available retroactive to April 1, 2022.**
- 4. Local Youth Plans:** Final approval of the WDA's Local Youth Plan to be provided pending receipt/approval of final Budget Forms for PY22 WIOA Youth and SFY23 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP). The Local Youth Plans are posted on DEED's website and weblink provided to Minnesota's Federal Project Officer/DOL Chicago Team. If DOL does on-site or virtual visit of MN's WIOA Youth Program, first step is to review the WDA's Local Youth Plan.
- 5. Waivers to 20% Carryover Limit on PY21 WIOA Youth Funds:** WDAs have until June 30, 2022, to expend or obligate at least 80% of PY21 WIOA Youth funds. If the WDA determines need for waiver, please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us, requesting waiver and including justification (e.g. spending slowed due to Covid-19 emergency). To date, waiver approved for: Washington County.
- 6. PY22 and PY23 WIOA Youth Performance Goals:** WDAs are not required to submit **LOCAL** PY22 and PY23 WIOA Youth Performance Goals until AFTER State-level performance goals are negotiated with DOL. **Minnesota's state-level PY22/PY23 Performance Negotiations with DOL will take place on June 3, 2022.** Two WDA Directors (Nicole Swanson from Anoka County and Vicki Leaderbrand from Rural CEP) are representing MAWB on MN's Negotiation Team. We will keep you posted.
- 7. DOL National Office: "Conversation Series" targeting Performance and Accountability topics:** Measurable Skills Gain (MSG) and Credential Attainment (July 14) and Data Integrity and Quality Assurance (August 4). Each state limited to 4 participants; will share notes.

8. **TANF Youth Projects:** please remember to reach out to Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us to check eligibility status prior to participant enrollment if you are unable to verify cash MFIP status/eligibility directly through MAXIS Inquiry Access. Also, just a reminder that a participant can continue participation through the end of their current work experience even if their MFIP status changes. Once the work experience ends, MFIP cash assistance receipt must be re-verified before placing into a new work experience. Visit the TANF Youth webpage at: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/tanf/> for more information about the project or contact Lynn Douma if you have questions. **Note: the “virtual” MFIP/DWP/Tribal TANF Conference will be held on September 28-29. There will be a presentation from two WDAs re: youth programs serving families receiving MFIP/TANF benefits.**

9. **SFY23 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP):** SFY23 MYP allocations were released on 4/20/22, based on SFY23 MYP funds already included in DEED’s base allocation. Youth Team began loading the SFY23 MYP workplans and budgets into the Procure It system the first week in May. Just a reminder: WDAs/MYP service providers have the “option” to use up to 20% of the MYP allocation for Outreach to Schools (OTS) component under MYP. **To date, ALL WDAs/MYP service providers have approved SFY23 MYP Budgets EXCEPT: city of Minneapolis, city of Duluth, Ramsey County and Hennepin County.**

10. **SFY23 Youthbuild:** workplans have been approved for all SFY23 Youthbuild programs and contracts are in process for programs that begin operation on July 1, 2022. Questions? Please contact Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.

11. **SFY23 Youth at Work and Youth Support Services Competitive Opportunity Grants:** workplans and budgets for SFY23 Youth at Work and Youth Support Services grants have been approved for Year 2/SFY23 programs that begin operation on July 1, 2022. Youth Team beginning to set up the SFY23 Youth at Work and Youth Support Services contracts in the Procure It system. **Questions Youth Support Services? contact Kathy Young** (Kathy.Young@state.mn.us). **Questions on Youth at Work? contact Cory Schmid** (Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us).

If questions on any of the issues referenced above, please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or John.R.Olson@state.mn.us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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