



MAWB Operations Committee Minutes

November 22nd, 2022

The Chair called for approval of the October meeting minutes and the November agenda. Mark Jacobs moved to approve the minutes and agenda. Rick Roy seconded. The motion carried.

MOU/IFA Check-In

DEED's new IFA policy is not ready yet. MAWB is hoping to receive a draft of the policy soon to review. Local areas shared their experiences with negotiations so far. Several local areas have run into challenges with scheduling their negotiation meetings; some partners will not respond to the scheduling request. One partner insisted on meeting collaboratively before signing the MOU. Many areas will not meet the December 31 deadline.

MAWB is putting together another MOU/IFA training session with John Chamberlin on Dec. 13, it will be hybrid, taking place at the AMC offices. Group brainstormed agenda topics/questions including:

- Comprehensive vs. affiliate centers
- Calculating relative Benefit
- What partners can spend money on the "universal customer"?
- Templates/examples for policies (conflict of interest, referral processes, negotiations)

Legislative Updates

Chairs have been announced for the House and Senate committees. MAWB will work on setting up meetings with the committee chairs to introduce the organization and priorities. Committee members have not been announced yet.

MAWB is also putting together an email for new legislators. AMC is holding a reception for new legislators in January.

Hot Topics

- Many local areas use the Gov Delivery system to deliver their news. It is a great tool that is well-maintained. If local areas are not getting much response from it, it may be an indication of the market's historically low unemployment.
- MAWB will set up a meeting with DEED in January to follow up on the Incumbent Worker Training policy. Will need to assemble a list of questions in advance.
- Re-Entry Grant applications are now due on December 2nd. Local boards pushed for flexibility to serve clients zero to three months pre- and post-release, and that flexibility was granted.

Director's Discussion

- Jeanna will be on the next Workforce Wednesday to discuss services for employers. Committee members recommended emphasizing that local areas need more resources, and to encourage employers to contact their legislators about allocating more funding for services. Other

recommendations included engaging with youth programs and highlighting local boards' emphasis on local strategy.

- The Regional Planning grant was extended through March 31st. The next request will be submitted in January. The committee recommended requesting \$450,000 and suggest making \$100,000 for local EDI work.
- A local director requested that the salary survey is completed again. MAWB will help coordinate this project.
- MAWB is working on assembling a 2023 committee meeting calendar. Jeanna will contact committee chairs to review their schedules. Calendar invitations will be sent with Outlook once the entire annual calendar has been approved.
- Discussion ensued about the Diversionary Work Program. MACSSA is recommending that the program should sunset, and the funding should go to MFIP. This would not occur until maybe 2025 or later. The conversation will continue.