

## Notes from Kay Tracy/John Olson/Youth Team update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 1/25/23:

### WIOA Youth Program:

1. **New TEGL Anticipated From DOL:** DOL expected to release new policy guidance on use of Self Attestation under WIOA Programs and use of electronic signatures (TEGL currently awaiting clearance). The pandemic accelerated the necessity of using electronic signatures to help applicants get the services they need. All States in Region V (including MN) permit use of electronic signatures. Currently, MNIT staff working on incorporating electronic signatures into WF1.
2. **DOL to Monitor Key Provisions of Minnesota's WIOA Youth Program the week of June 12, 2023:** PY20 and PY21 WIOA Youth Programs for the city of Minneapolis selected by MN's Federal Project Officer for on-site review.
3. **State-Level ASU Data submitted to DOL by DEED's LMI Team in October, 2022:** will impact Minnesota's SHARE of total funds available for PY23 WIOA Youth (and Adult) Programs. DOL scheduled to update the YOUTH IN POVERTY DATA in the WIOA Youth allocation formula for PY23 (update occurs every 5 years). **DOL estimates that WIOA Allocation TEGL for PY23 will not be available until mid-March.**
4. **WDA-Level ASU Data for PY2023 WIOA Youth Allocation Formula Needed from DEED's LMI Team:** DEED's LMI Team provides **WDA-level ASU Data** which is essential to update the WIOA Youth (and adult) allocation formulas. We will keep you posted but would expect to see the WDA-level ASU data in March. We recommend inviting DEED's LMI Team to do a presentation on Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASU) data for MAWB Operations Committee.
5. **Preliminary PY2022 WIOA Youth Performance Data:** Youth Team released Preliminary PY22 WIOA Youth performance data to local partners on 12/8/22. 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 and keeping up with collecting/reporting follow-up information.**
6. **Planning Instructions for updating Local Youth Plans released by Youth Team on 12/6/22. NARRATIVE Updates are due on Friday, April 14, 2023,** for activities funded under PY23 WIOA Youth and SFY24 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP). WDAs are not required to submit BUDGET Summaries until final allocations are released. Early submittal of the narrative updates for PY2023 WIOA Youth and SFY2024 MYP helps expedite process of getting new funds out to the WDA level. FINAL SFY24 MYP allocations will be available pending action by the House and Senate. The Governor's Budget includes a proposed funding increase for MYP in SFY24 and 25.
7. **Poverty Data Updated for 2023 – see link to Federal Register Notice dated January 19, 2023: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2023-00885>.** Chapter 7 of the WIOA Youth Administrative Policies was updated on 1/13/23 and WF1 has been updated to include the new Poverty Levels.

8. **Notes From DOL's Data Validation Webinar issued by Youth Team on December 15, 2022:** we encourage all WDAs/youth service providers to listen to the webinar, see: <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2022/11/18/15/06/Town-Hall-Training-Employment-Guidance-Letter-23-19>. The Data Validation requirements apply to all WIOA CORE Programs and non-CORE programs as outlined in TEG 23-19, Change 1.
9. **Mandated reporting for suspected child abuse or neglect:** Youth programs staff are considered mandated reporters and are expected to follow state law and DHS guidelines for reporting cases of suspected child abuse or neglect. More information available in resource from DHS, "Resource Guide for Mandated Reporters of Child Maltreatment Concerns", available online at <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-2917-ENG> and also attached.

#### **Youth at Work Competitive Grants –**

10. **SFY24/25 Youth at Work Request for Proposals (RFP) provided to DEED Leadership in October, 2022: all set/ready to release** new Youth at Work RFP, pending approval by Commissioner Grove. Will keep you posted. The Governor's Budget includes a proposed funding increase for Youth at Work Competitive Grants in SFY24/25.
11. **Webinar for Interested Applicants for SFY24/25 Youth at Work Funding will be posted on DEED's website along with the new RFP.** Questions and answers on the new SFY24/SFY25 Youth at Work RFP will be posted daily.

#### **TANF Youth Projects**

12. **TANF Youth webpage:** the TANF Youth webpage has been updated with the local plans and other relevant documents for 2023, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/tanf/>.
13. **Final 2022 Report and Data:** service providers are asked to please enter all data for the 2022 project (enrollments, activities, exits, expenditures) as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Also, please submit the final narrative report on the 2022 project (attached) by 1/31/23 to [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us). Questions? Please follow up with [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us).

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