

Northcoast Regional Advisory Committee (NRAC)
February 17, 2009 – Sandusky CDJFS
Minutes

(Voting Members: **Bold** =Main Voting Member and **Asterisk**= Alternate Voting Member)

Attendees:

Teresa Alt, Huron County DJFS	Amy Leibold, Huron County DJFS
Larry Ashbaugh, Veteran's Office	*Deborah McGrath, Sandusky County DJFS
Cindy Bilby, Sandusky County DJFS	Sandy Meinen, EHOVE
*Rick Carson, Erie County DJFS	Don Nalley, Sandco Ind.
John Clark, BGSU Firelands	Bonnie Nusser, Terra Community College/One-Stop Operator
*Chris Downey, ODJFS	Kathy Oliver, Seneca County DJFS
Roger Fisher, WSOS	Kris Perry, Terra Community College
Michael Fuller, Sandusky County DJFS	Denise Ventrone, OCIC
Patti Hopkins, ODOT	Janet Quaintance, Sandusky County DJFS
Stephanie Kowal, Ottawa County DJFS	Mollie De Rojas, ODJFS
Rosemary Krieger-Helms, Vanguard-Sentinel	Robert Talcott, Sandusky Bay Area Goodwill

Minutes taken by Taylor Steinmetz, Sandusky County DJFS. **A quorum was NOT met.**

WELCOME –

Ms. Bilby welcomed everyone and stated that Ms. Kowal was running a little late. Introductions were held and Mr. Fuller went over the MOU.

MOU RECONCILIATION – Mr. Fuller

Mr. Fuller distributed copies of the MOU. He stated that this had been updated since it was e-mailed out to the Board members. He explained that there were old SFY09 figures from the first MOU left in. Mr. Fuller added that the difference will be a little less. Mr. Fuller asked that all the counties/partners review this thoroughly and get any changes to him by the end of the week. Ms. De Rojas inquired why there was an increase in all of the One Stops except Ottawa and was the increase related to salaries, benefits, etc. Mr. Fuller stated that this was due to staff benefits. Mr. Carson was not sure why Erie County had increase so much as nothing on there end had changed. Ms. De Rojas inquired about salary increase for Bonnie Nusser. Ms. Nusser stated that it was a 2% raise each year. Mr. Fuller stated again that all changes are to by the end of the week.

At this time Ms. Kowal arrived and stated that we did NOT have a quorum so we could not vote on several items.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS – CDJFS Directors

Ms. Kowal asked if there was any feedback from the group regarding the contracts. We will need to vote to roll these contracts at the next meeting. Currently the Regional One Stop Operator is Terra Community College and the Youth contract is with EHOVE for Sandusky, Seneca, Erie and Huron. Ottawa County has WSOS has a Youth provider.

CHANGE TO BY-LAWS – Ms. Kowal

Ms. Kowal discussed the proposed changes to the by-laws. Currently the wording states that the Board will hold quarterly meetings. The Board would like to change the quarterly meetings to 2 meetings per year with the option to hold more meetings when necessary.

COUNTY/PARTNER UPDATES

Larry Ashbaugh with the Veteran's Office gave a power point presentation. He discussed the roles and responsibilities of the Veteran's Intensive Services Coordinator (VISC) and the Veteran's Business Outreach Specialists (VBOS). He also talked about who services veterans, what is Priority of Service(POS), affected DOL programs, Ohio Transition Assistance Program (OTAP) and VSTP/VR2. He also mentioned that this area is second in line behind Akron to get a Veteran's Representative

Sandy Meinen stated that EHOVE held a Resume Writing Workshop. They only had a handful of individuals show up so they will have to market better next time.

Kris Perry, Terra Community College, stated that they will be holding another Scott Brown Seminar (Magic of the Mouse) on March 12.

Denise Ventrone, OCIC, stated that they are holding a Job Fair on April 18. They have had some new restaurants open in there area so they have seen some Job Orders.

Roger Fisher, WSOS, stated that they have been busy. RFP's are coming in and they also have some contracts running out at the end of this summer. HEAP has been busy along with their Homeless Prevention program.

Teresa Alt, Huron County DJFS, stated that they have held some computer classes, clinics and have also been real busy.

Rosemary Krieger-Helms, Vanguard-Sentinel, stated that they have been recommended to be accredited for another five years.

Bonnie Nusser, One Stop Operator, stated that the numbers are on a steady increase.

Rick Carson, Erie County DJFS, stated that they will also be holding a career fair on April 15 at Kalahari. Last year they had over 50 employers and 350 job seekers. He stated that last year it was requested that they move up the date to an earlier time so they did.

Stephanie Kowal, Ottawa County DJFS, stated that they too will hold a Job Fair for seasonal and tourism areas.

Patti Hopkins, Department of Development – Business Services, stated that Sonny Turner is in charge of our area and if we need any assistance to see him.

John Clark, BGSU, stated that they have been busy also.

Kathy Oliver, Seneca County DJFS, stated that they have just received word of a plant closing. Farmland Foods in New Riegel will be closing.

<p>Mr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.</p>
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