



One-Stop Partner Meeting Minutes

Wednesday

May 01, 2024

12:00PM-2:00PM

This Meeting was held at the: Wayne Co. DHHR Building

Meeting Facilitator: Melissa Bias, Executive Director, Region 2 Workforce Investment Board

Core Partners: Present: Melissa Bias: ED-Region 2 WIB and Chandra Perry: WV Adult Ed.

(Not Present: David Felinton: Workforce WV and Teresa Swecker: DRS)

Present: Heather Merritt and Malissa Dishman (Region 2 WIB), Brenda Archer (SCACWV), Jenifer Pritt (First Choice Services), Katlan Maynard (MCTC), Kaitlyn Blankenship (DHS-YS), Amanda Brubaker (Job Corps), Bradlee Jordan (HRDF), Jason Ekers (Rocky Knob Farm/Guyov Conversation), Nancy Fry (Legal Aid of WV), Alexis Chafin (Youth), Dessa Fairchild (The Center), Heather Paulus (DoHS/Youth Services), Todd Frymyer (MAMC), Brian Hankins (DHHR), Karen Graham (SWCAC), and Jillian Queen (DoHS/TANF).

Welcome and Introductions:

- Melissa Bias, E.D., R2WIB, introduced Bradlee Jordan, our new One-Stop Coordinator.
- Introductions around the room were conducted to tell who they were and what organization they represented.

Minutes:

- There was a motion to approve minutes from our last session on April 03, 2024, by Brenda Archer and seconded by Brian Hankins.

Guest Speakers:

- **Nancy Fry (Legal Aid of WV)** – All Legal Aid services cover 17 counties and are free of charge. There is free legal advice available online.
- **Karen Graham (South Western Community Action Council)** – In order to qualify for the SWCAC program, a person needs to: be age 55 years or older, unemployed, and meet the income guidelines. SWCAC places 55 and older participants as a “Trainee” and there is a life-time cap of 48 months of training allowed.
- **Jason Ekers (Conservation Supervisor in Wayne Co./Rocky Knob Farm)** – Mr. Ekers is an agriculture mentor; he helps people make their farms better. WV is the #1 state in the Nation for family ran farms. The average age of a farmer in WV is 67 years old. Rocky Knob Farm sells their produce at the Ceredo Farmer’s Market on Fridays and Saturdays starting in June – October. (rockyknobfarm.com)

Updates:

- May 8th: R2 WIB will tour the Carpenters Union in Charleston, WV.
- May 10th: R2WIB will tour the Insulators Union in Lavalette, WV.
- May 7th: MCTC Event- FASFA, Applications, Games, Refreshments.
- May 7th: Online Workforce WV Apprenticeship Awareness Fair.
- Each month Workforce WV has a Virtual Job Fair Statewide.

Region 2 WIB Update:

- Melissa Bias thanked everyone for coming. She encouraged all partnerships to unite to help and assist our community.

Adjourned at 1:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Malissa Dishman