

## **GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE WORKFORCE BOARD**

**March 10, 2015**

**77 South High Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**South B&C**

**Columbus, OH 43215**

The Governor's Executive Workforce Board (Board) meeting convened at 1:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. This Board was created under the Governor's Executive Order 2012-02K, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 6301.04.

### **Members Present:**

Governor John R. Kasich  
R. Blane Walter  
Mike Archer  
Roy Church  
Janet Creighton  
Cynthia Dungey  
Dennis Franks  
Amanda Hoyt  
Albert Ratner  
Patrick Sink  
Richard Stoff  
David Wynn

### **Ohio General Assembly Members:**

John Barnes  
Bill Beagle  
Tim Derickson

### **Staff Present:**

Mark Birnbrich  
Michael Evans  
Nithya Govindasamy  
Jacob Larger  
Dawn Larzelere  
Christine Morrison  
John Weber

### **Opening Remarks:**

Chairman Blane Walter opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the board. He asked members to review the December 9, 2014 meeting minutes. There were no questions or comments. The minutes were approved.

Chairman Walter welcomed Governor Kasich to the meeting and the Governor gave opening remarks.

### **Youth Initiatives:**

Chair Walter then asked Amanda Hoyt to share the work she has been leading to better align the workforce development and education programs that serve Ohio's youth population.

Ms. Hoyt began by thanking the local providers who actively participated in the work group meetings. The youth work group met throughout 2014 and focused its efforts on two federally funded programs; TANF Summer Youth Employment Program and WIA Youth. These programs are administered at the county level and operate in a siloed manner even though, in

many cases, the programs are serving the same people. The goal of the group was to identify a series of common sense reforms that will better align the programs, reduce duplication and provide wrap around services throughout the year. Many of the reforms brought forward by this group were included as part of the as introduced version of the FY 2016/2017 biennial operating budget. The Administration and local providers continue to advocate and implement where appropriate the reforms.

Ms. Hoyt introduced the youth panel, led by Dr. Richard Ross, to provide an update on other initiatives impacting youth that are underway.

Dr. Richard Ross, Ohio Department of Education; Stan Jennings, Scioto County Career Technical Center; Angel Rhodes, Governor's Office; and Carolyn George, Ohio Department of Education discussed the education and workforce priorities of the Administration and how they impact youth.

### **Office of Human Services Innovation**

Cynthia Dungey, Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services provided an update on the newly created Office of Human Services Innovation that is housed within her agency. The mission of this office is to better coordinate services across all public assistance programs, develop person-centered case management, and better help individuals find employment, succeed at work and stay out of poverty. The initial focus of the office is on Ohio's transitioning youth, ages 16-24 years old. This group often faces significant barriers to reaching their potential, such as lack of education or skills, lack of transportation or child care. Director Dungey stressed the importance of addressing the needs and barriers of this population early before they become lifelong obstacles. Individuals who enter the program will receive intensive supports that will move them to employment and self-sufficiency.

### **Promising Practices**

Chair Walter then asked Richard Stoff to introduce the next presentation, Jobs for America's Graduates, an example of a promising practice in Ohio. Mr. Stoff introduced Kenneth Smith, President and CEO, Jobs for America's Graduates; Chris Canova, Jobs for Ohio Graduates; and Mariah Gaspers, Graduate of Jobs for Ohio's Graduates. The panel provided an overview and history of the Jobs for America's Graduates program, the strong business support the program has and the impact the program has made on Ohio's youth.

### **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act**

Ms. Larzelere gave the board a brief update on the state's effort to implement the recently passed federal legislation, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The March 10, 2015, board meeting can be viewed in its entirety at <http://workforce.ohio.gov/Board.aspx>.

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