



Employment Committee

September 14, 2017
Doubletree, Newark, Ohio
2:35pm-4:05pm

Minutes

Members present

- X AnnMarie Denning
- X Kristen Helling
- X Vicki Jenkins
- X Karen Kerr
- X Linda Kunick
- X Lori Kershner
- X Heather McFarlin
- X Blaine O'Leary
- X James Plasencia
- X Jill Radler
- X Mark Seifarth
- Mark Smith
- X Jo Spargo
- X Marci Straughter
- Kimberly Stults
- X Jeffrey Turner
- X Mindy Vance
- X Dara Walburn
- X Brandon White
- X Sue Willis, Chair

Staff

- Leslie Paull
- Gary Groom
- Paul Jarvis
- Fatica Ayers
- Carolyn Knight

Special advisor

- Tom Hess

Other council present

- Rochelle Hall-Rollins

Guests present

- Deb Tackett
- Essie Pederson
- Christine Brown
- John Hakathorne
- Jan Ferris
- Kraig Walker
- Elly Walburn
- Lucy Muchmore
- Betsy O'Leary
- Davika Rao
- Brenda Stevens

I. Call to Order and Introductions

- A. Sue Willis, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM with Introductions.

II. Approval of the meeting minutes

- A. Sue Willis asked for a motion to accept the July 13, 2017 Employment Committee minutes.
- Dara Walburn moved to accept the minutes.
 - James Plasencia seconded it.
 - July 13, 2017 minutes were approved.

III. OOD-OSU Partnership

- A. Members received a presentation on the partnership from Lucie Muchmore with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)
- OOD staff are embedded at OSU.
 - This is the first VR Counselor embedded at a University in the nation.
 - OSU is a very decentralized with over 50 different offices hiring individuals.
 - OOD learns about all the different jobs available and the office expectations.
 - Most jobs are full time.
 - Competitive jobs with great benefits such as full tuition.
 - Services to job seekers include: cover letter and resume review, collaboration with OSU ADA office, Assistance in setting up accommodations, work with OSU and prescreen individuals.
 - Current results include 8 jobs in a variety of settings with an average wage of \$15/hour with benefits.
 - All job placements have been on main campus
 - Grant funded by Poses family
 - Currently 70 applicants at OSU.
 - We have weekly meetings with OSU to remove barriers.
 - 5th largest employer in Ohio.

IV. Certification Program

A. Members received a presentation on the potential certification program from Kraig Walker, Highland County Board of DD. A plan amendment to include Plan language to fund the Southern State Community College Adult Education Certificate Program was reviewed.

- Jeff Turner moved to add the Plan Amendment: Southern State Community College Adult Education Certificate Program was reviewed.
- Brandon White seconded it.
- All agreed. Motion passed.

V. Employment experiences

A. Members shared their employment experiences with the committee.

VI. Adjournment

A. Sue Willis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Placencia moved to adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

Next meeting: May 3, 2018

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