



Mississippi Valley Workforce Area (MVWA)

System Transformation

- ▶ First Local Area to Realign
 - ▶ Region 9 – Jackson, Clinton, Scott and Muscatine Counties
 - ▶ Region 16 – Louisa, Lee, Henry, and Des Moines Counties
- ▶ Two Comprehensive American Job Centers (AJCs)
 - ▶ Davenport
 - ▶ Burlington

System Transformation Continued

- ▶ Hired an Executive Director
- ▶ Key Transformation Tasks Completed by July 1, 2020
- ▶ Became a Nonprofit Corporation in the State of Iowa
- ▶ Designed a Board Website and Logo
- ▶ Created the Local Area Mission, Vision and Goals

Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board Structure

- ▶ Full Board
- ▶ Executive Committee
- ▶ Finance Committee
- ▶ Operations Committee
- ▶ Youth Committee
- ▶ Disability Access Committee

Executive Committee

- ▶ Meets in the months the full board does not meet
- ▶ Undertakes the transactional business of the board between meetings, such transactional business may include approval of contracts, budgets, and policies, communications with the CEOs etc.
- ▶ Reviews monthly reports and activities and recommendations of committees

Finance Committee

- ▶ Meets monthly
- ▶ Reviews monthly service provider invoices
- ▶ Reviews monthly fiscal agent reports
- ▶ Monitors percentages spent
- ▶ Reviews state and local financial monitoring reports

Operations Committee

- ▶ Meets monthly
- ▶ Reviews monthly service provider program reports for the Adult and DW programs
- ▶ Recommends policies for approval
- ▶ Reviews state and local program monitoring reports

Youth Committee

- ▶ Meets monthly
- ▶ Reviews monthly service provider program reports for the Youth program
- ▶ Recommends youth related policies for approval
- ▶ Helps to identify gaps in services and develop strategies

Disability Access Committee

- ▶ Create an accessibility checklist and evaluate centers and partner programs
- ▶ Develop trainings for ensuring accessibility of the one stop system for all partners
- ▶ Provide staff training on assistive technology
- ▶ Oversee the local Accessibility Awareness Campaign
- ▶ Provide appropriate disability related training to employers throughout the MVWA

Board Development

- ▶ August 2020
- ▶ January 2021
- ▶ Statewide Board Training July 2021
- ▶ Quarterly Virtual Lunch and Learns

Program Highlights

- ▶ Over 200 Enrollments Since July 1, 2020
- ▶ 12 Drive Through Job Fairs and Multiple Virtual Job Fairs
- ▶ Focus on Work Based Learning Opportunities
- ▶ Extensive Outreach Campaign, Bus Wraps, Social Media Campaign, Partnership with Happy Joes Flyers

Board Highlights

- ▶ Awarded a National Dislocated Worker Grant in the amount of \$289,000 to provide 28 On-the-Job Trainings
- ▶ County Office Hours in Henry, Muscatine, Clinton, Jackson, Louisa, North and South Lee
- ▶ Business Needs Survey Developed and Distributed
- ▶ Developed a presentation on Business Services Available through IowaWORKS of the Mississippi Valley

Goals for PY21

- ▶ Hire an executive assistant
- ▶ Obtain 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status
- ▶ Develop comprehensive local monitoring tools and processes
- ▶ Increase the board's participation in Sector Partnership Boards
- ▶ Successfully implement a One Stop Operator in the MVWA
- ▶ Increase community awareness of the board and programming
- ▶ Create a Resource Guide for the centers
- ▶ Strengthen the Out-of-School Youth program

American Relief Plan

- ▶ Small Business Grant Program
- ▶ Small Business Employee Retention Training Program
- ▶ Incumbent Worker Training Program
- ▶ Affiliate Iowa*WORKS* Center in Lee County
- ▶ Mental Health Counselors for Iowa*WORKS* Centers
- ▶ Implementing a Mobile Workforce Unit
- ▶ Rideshare Programs
- ▶ Landlord Assistance Fund
- ▶ Expansion of Employer Onsite Childcare Facilities

Questions?

Thank you