

Area 8 Workforce Board
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2021 at 2:30 pm
JTDMH Conference Room 3
Held by conference call due to Covid.

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:34 by 1st Co-Chair Art Swain.
2. Roll Call. Members Present: 1st Co-Chair Art Swain, 2nd Co-Chair Carol Knapke, 4th Co-Chair Jerry Mazur, Fred Rush (Ex-officio). Members not present: Chairman Rob Radway, 3rd Co-Chair Michelle Steinke.
3. Policy updates.
 - a. Policy Letter No. 21-01 was discussed as it pertains to the conditional approval of the wavier by the DOL to increase the allowable threshold available for IWT from 20 to 35 percent through June 30, 2022. The four county JFS Directors were queried for the need to take advantage of this wavier. A majority of the directors did see a need due to factors that may require the increase in 2022.
 - b. LWDB implementing the IWT wavier requires the local policy (No. 200) to be updated to include the following:
 - i. The percentage of Adult and DW funds reserved for IWT (up to 35%).
 - ii. Criteria to prioritize services for unemployed customers before incumbent workers when the local area is experiencing levels of unemployment exceeding the State's average. *(To be an agenda item at the next Full Board meeting)*
 - iii. Motion was made by Carol Knapke and 2nd by Art Swain to accept the addition of the following paragraph into Local Policy number 200 into Section IV and Section VII:
Whereas, on June 23, 2021, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services received a letter from the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) conditionally approving Ohio's requested waiver to increase the allowable threshold available for IWT from 20 to 35 percent through June 30, 2022. Motion carried.
4. A new policy was presented to the committee establishing board Virtual Videoconference or Teleconference Provision to Conduct Business.
 - a. Background: This policy describes the process for conducting business through virtual video conference or teleconference as passed in Ohio's general assembly. Revised ORC section 6301.06.
 - b. Motion to accept was made by Art Swain. 2nd by Fred Rush. Motion passed
5. Other Business. None.
6. Motion to adjourn was made by Carol Knapke. 2nd by Art Swain. Motion passed at 2:56 pm.

*Submitted by Ronald E. Dorsten
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