



**BUSINESS SERVICES**

## **Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board**

May 13, 2020, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Linda Ashworth, Karen Borgert, Dave Collins, Erik Collins, Shannon Cox, Jane Dockery, Angelia Erbaugh, John K. Hayes, Walt Hibner, Quinn Howard, Helen Jones-Kelley, Carl Kennebrew, Deborah Lieberman, Elizabeth Lolli, Marvene Mitchell-Cook, Anita Moore, Carolyn Rice, Diane Walsh

Anita Moore called meeting to order at 8:03am.

Approval of minutes: Anita Moore calls for the motion: First: Diane Walsh, Second: Libby Lolli

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Marvene Mitchell-Cook:** Effective September 2020 Karen Borgert will be Chairperson.

### **COVID-19 Debrief:**

**Marvene Mitchell-Cook:** Appointments in Workforce/Business Services/YCS365 will be given, and the department is able to see 5 individuals per hour. We had a soft reopening on May 11, and as of now, 25% of the staff has returned.

**Linda Ashworth:** Education and training; Policy issues; access to technology doesn't cause disparity

**Helen Jones:** Behavior health is open. Launch new services: federal waiver for tele-help ability to do consults, 90% show rate. In March there was a spike of overdoses. In April the numbers lowered. Prevention providers working with the schools out of school contacts. No eyes on children for connection for preventative services. We are partnering with 45 employers for employment.

**Dr. Lolli:** 5/21/2020 schools closed. 300,000 meals distributed to 600 homes during the last 7 weeks. 4,000 Chrome books or laptops were given to students, 1000 hotspot (seniors). The Connor group provided 1227 Hotspots phones; 32 wi-fi buses were established. Title IV money was used to purchase technology. Next year there will possibly be a blended environment, wi-fi access is needed as is utility/necessity.

**Commissioner Lieberman:** We are truly all in this together, Frontline and Essential people will receive 80 hours of vacation. Homelessness, food, preschool, EMA distribution of PPE, IT up and running in parking lot of Job Center. All hands-on deck. Cares Act will fill the GAP \$30,000,000. Cut in County budget mainly EDGE effected the most. Two million extra dollars given for SNAP. Medicaid apps are at a all time high. Small business grants given.

**Erik Collins:** Building activity permits are 12% up for commercial and residential. Commercial and Industrial projects in pipeline. Developed basic questions to CEO asking about outreach, how can we help by sector pulse of training childcare, virtual workforce, multi prong approach, survey industry sectors, what are the red flags, virtual round table.

Census 62.8% completion State-64% Please complete!!

**Commissioner Lieberman:** Hold off huge projects, jail renovations, sewer line \$92,000,000 went to State who had cities that had over 500,000 population

**Quinn Howard:** Virtual zoom was created for in process Cohort and graduation ceremony was conducted on zoom. 15 to 6 participants. WIFI was a challenge for the decline.

**Dave Collins:** Converted several face to face classes to online; 44 programs are now totally online. Healthcare is still face to face, work base learning. Workforce training has slowed down. Goldman Saks delayed until the Fall. Amazon, GM initiatives on hold. Summer- technical certificate will allow inmates to be released early.

**Troy Washington:** There is uncertainty with student athletes. Staff furloughed or laid off. Graduates missed the opportunity to work. Preparing for what the Fall will look like. Challenging environment.

**Angelia Erbaugh:** Don't foresee the demand for workers to decrease.

**Melissa Cutcher:** Workforce development would like Levitt Pavilion, Courthouse Square-Cincinnati Bell to help Dayton to be Smart.

## **Tribute to Anita Moore**

Well wishes and farewell signs were held up and comments were made by several committee members.

**Anita Moore:** Its been a pleasure and honor to work and serve with the board up-close and personal. Last year was such tremendous growth.

Commissioner Rice: WE are stronger together, guided by right values.

**Meeting Adjourn: 9:31am**