



## **Workforce Investment Board**

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Board Members Present:** Linda Ashworth, Cassie Barlow, Carol Bise, Karen Borgert, Dave Collins, Erik Collins, Shannon Cox, Melissa Cutcher, Angela Erbaugh, Lori Geary, Jamie Gee, Walt Hibner, Carl Kennebrew, Beverly Knapp, Debbie Lieberman, Jeff Liu, Elizabeth Lolli, Marvene Mitchell-Cook, Carolyn Rice, Courtney Schneider, Diane Walsh, Rick Wegmann, Chris Williams,  
**Guest:** Jaqueline Williams, Garth Mclean

- **Approval of minutes:** Chair Karen Borgert called the motion to approve: First approved Diane Walsh, Second Approved Beverly Knapp

### **Cares Act Updates & Extension-** Marvene Mitchell-Cook

#### **Kettering Health Network- Bev Knapp**

Four drive-through testing sites have been set up to test over 400 people a day. They have reduced the number of days they are open because testing has decrease. Four Vaccines sites have been setup. The number of Covid patients have lowered on the inpatient side.

#### **Montgomery County Educational Services- Shannon Cox**

Vaccinated about 6,000 people. Under 1000 people are left to vaccinate, Kettering City schools included in that number.

#### **Area 7-** Lori Geary

There new name is *The Greater Ohio Workforce Board* and they are now a 501c-3. The new status gives them the ability to go after grants for their counties. They have already secured a Youthbuild, Pathway home and H1B Healthcare grant. Montgomery county is apart of the Pathway Home grant. Unemployment continues to be an ongoing issue and the Governor has reached out to secure some resolutions for those having issues getting their payments secured or getting access to the system. There have been several leadership changes in the state. The state has handed over to all of our counties RESCA, reemployment services, for individuals that are receiving unemployment services. The Greater Ohio Workforce Board is excited about the work that is being down with the Commissioners and Michael Colbert with the new Employment Opportunities Center.

## **Community & Economic Development- Erik Collins**

A presentation was given by Richard Florida on Building Innovative & Resilient Cities. (Link to presentation was sent 2/10/21)

Richard Florida, who is an American urban justice theorist who focuses on social and economic theory, discussed how cities will survive post pandemic in his presentation. More people are now working remotely and because of this they are able to reside in a different city or state than their employer. There was a larger number of people that moved back to Dayton during the Pandemic because of the quality and cost of living here.

Commissioner Lieberman: The county has invested a lot in talent and workforce development and if we want to get the creative class Florida spoke of, we have to keep moving in the direction we are going in. The Urban core is very important to make sure that our region is strong.

Rick Wegmann: Florida distinguished between single millennials that go to the “big city” and those that are married with families that go to “big cities”. It seems that we must target young families by making Dayton more attractive than other cities by looking at our strengths.

Cassie Barlow: Livability.com is a site that will give us a chance to tell our story on a large platform.

Karen Bogart: Florida’s focal points in his presentation were that a strong city will have a strong work area, research centers, strong educational system, an airport, broadband opportunities, and affordability.

## **Board Member Comments**

Melissa Cutchner: Technology First has partnered with JobsOhio and Dayton Development Coalition to host our first Virtual Digital Mixer. <https://www.soche.org/vcf/>.

Shannon Cox: Thank you for the Cares Act funding and working with us. We were able to make a large dent in the digital divide and short-term fix was made solving the Wi-Fi issue for the remainder of the school year. An Educational Job Fair will be held on March 25 in a virtual forum

## **Meeting adjourns-10:24am**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2021