

MINUTES

GSETA Operations Committee

01/04/2022

Sarah Singer Quast

1. Working on a NJ Priority of Service Policy. Working on clarifying the State's level of Priority of Service and what the local levels can do. Everyone we serve with Adult funding must be under a Priority of Service category of either the local and/or state. IF the local area Priority of Service documentation is covered in the State's policy the local area does not need it in theirs. Everyone is encouraged to review the 2018 TEGL
2. The new Incumbent Worker Training and Placement, Exit, and Follow-up policies are posted on our Workforce Professionals Resources page. Additionally, we have posted an updated version of the AOSOS Technical Guide for Title I Service Delivery. We are including links to these resources below.
 - Incumbent Worker Training policy: https://www.nj.gov/labor/wioa/forms_pdfs/Worker%20Training.pdf
 - Placement, Exit, and Follow-up policy: [https://www.nj.gov/labor/wioa/forms_pdfs/Exit%20and%20Follow-up%20Policy%20\(Final\).pdf](https://www.nj.gov/labor/wioa/forms_pdfs/Exit%20and%20Follow-up%20Policy%20(Final).pdf)
 - Updated AOSOS Technical Guide for Title I Service Delivery: https://www.nj.gov/labor/wioa/forms_pdfs/AOSOSTechnicalGuide.pdf
3. Please note, the main change in the AOSOS Technical Guide is that this version offers more flexible guidance in entering services as multi-day services so long as there is engagement between a participant and counselor at least once a quarter and this is recorded with a corresponding activity and comment in AOSOS.
4. Policy Refresher: https://www.nj.gov/labor/wioa/forms_pdfs/ExploringWorkBasedLearning.pdf
5. Share the link to register for our statewide training on the AOSOS Technical Guide on January 11th: <https://forms.office.com/g/YQQxTz0MxX>. You can also reach out to your TA liaison to share a full list of your local area's registrants if you prefer this to individual registrations. The Lab will clarify what is in the AOSOS guide and setting expectations of service delivery

Work First NJ - Update

1. Melissa Brown spoke about the need to have assurances of COVID Protocols in place for Work Activities
2. No word on whether the letters went out yet – due to COVID everything is fluid
3. December 20, 2021 a letter went to the CWA Directors stating that February 1, 2022 is the start of mandatory participation. Recipients should be scheduled for assessment appointments.
4. There is a joint NJDHS/NJDOL meeting today to discuss with the local areas information and planning

Professional Development – Pat Leahey

1. Wellness Wednesdays
2. Additional Microsoft trainings

3. Open for ideas regarding other types of trainings. Could be series oriented and directed to specific functions of staff activities.

Registered Apprenticeships – John Biccica

1. Power Point regarding registered apprenticeships and WIOA
2. Registered Apprenticeships (RA) is mandatory on State and Local WD Boards
3. RA is automatically eligible on the NJETPL and are eligible to receive WIOA funds
4. The challenge is to find employers who are willing to offer RA

General Discussion

1. TASC to HiSet specifically regarding Aztec – No information on this topic
2. January 7, 2022 all CDL drivers must be credentialed/certified by a private career school. Fran previously sent an email to all regarding the new federal rule
3. Discussions regarding One Stop traffic and how to increase our customer base. Ideas included mailings to faith based and community based organizations; emails to UI recipients; virtual workshops with libraries; etc.
4. Discussion regarding the “Great Resignation” – The month of November saw 4.5 million people quit their jobs, the most in 2 decades. Most are quitting their lower level jobs for better paying jobs. Our mission is to figure out how we help people get the experience needed to attain better entry level jobs.
5. Discussion regarding employer education regarding the reality of today’s job market.
6. An ad-hoc committee may be formed to discuss how we become involved in the development of talent and talent acquisition – not only for those who are WIOA eligible but for those who have the skills that employers are looking for.

Next Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2022