

MINUTES

GSETA Operations Committee

06/06/2022

Call to Order – Fran Kuhn

1. Fran called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
2. Motion to approve May minutes made by Larry Sternbach. Second was made by Howard Weiss. Minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Fran introduced the new PT GSETA Executive Director, Samantha Pfeiffer. She will be working on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Title II and Workforce Learning Links – Dr. Danielle Jubanyik

1. Learning Link funding allocations are coming out and will show another reduction to funding.
2. There is a commitment to establish the workgroup meetings over the summer.
3. Rethink how the Links could be run, purpose and funding.
4. Title II has received an increase in funding.
5. Case management is a big thing. AOSOS is the tool that is supposed to be used, however difficult that is since there are outside partners involved. There is a RFP in the works for obtaining a replacement for AOSOS.
6. Think about meeting people where they feel comfortable: Libraries; Satellite One Stops; or, Lap top loaner programs.
7. Concerns were raised that the State's reduction in/lack of funding for the Links is divergent from the WIOA law itself to serve basic skills deficient individuals as a priority.
8. Dr. Jubanyik suggested a letter signed by all of the area and she is willing to sign off regarding the dilution of funding.
9. Dr. Yolanda Allen stated that the USDOE has stepped in and may help with the funding issues. For example, Title II funds have to be matched, diversions have to be stopped. We will start to see changes when it comes to funding.
10. WIN Policy WD-PY21-6 is a "working document" and should include language to focus on partnerships between Title I and Title II.

Work First NJ – Melissa Moody

1. Expecting a full restart of all Work First NJ activities on July 1, 2022.
2. Includes GA 28 day – DOL states that everyone will be ready.
3. The CWA will be communicating with clients regarding the start.
4. Prior to July 1, a document will be released regarding Excused Absences due to COVID and health.
5. Virtual Services must be 6-7 hours per day! Still working on a policy to count homework in this policy.
6. Question regarding Supportive Services availability to those in virtual services – if it is reasonable and necessary then allowable.
7. E time issues – how do we track core vs non-core. Participation rate is not important right now. Focus is on individualized services.

8. CSA's must be done within 12 months and getting individuals into an activity. If there is no CSA there is no sanction.

Sarah Singer Quast

1. Fran raised a question regarding governance and wording under Literacy Committee. It will be revised.
2. WIN Policy WD-PY21-6 is far reaching and there will be training. www.nj.gov/labor/WIOA/forms/pdfs/WD-PY21-6
3. Also posted last week, the current poverty guidelines and lower living standard income levels (WD-PY21-7).
4. There is a youth survey out right now and should be shared with your youth providers.
5. Work Based Learning training with EDSI has concluded and the training videos will be/are posted.
6. Guidance on the PY22 monitoring will be coming out.
7. Learning Management System – 06/23/2022 soft launch. Training videos will be available.
8. Question regarding Underemployed Definition for Adults. TEGL is open ended, and it is open to the local area. As long as you document one of the 4 bullet points – Local area policy and keep language as broad as possible.
9. Priority of Service Policy is being created. There will be a lot of local area flexibility.
10. Long discussion of the WD-PY21-6 Policy.

GSETA Professional Development Institute

1. Last Wellness Wednesday is June 22, 2022. Fran will forward the notice again for those that did not receive.

Adjourn & Next Meeting

Next Meeting: The next meeting date would have been on July 4, 2022. Stay tuned for a meeting date.