Minutes

GSETA Operations Committee

04/03/2023

# Call to Order – Fran Kuhn

1. Fran called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.
2. Approval of minutes: Motion – Sandy Bottoni Second – Monica Mulligan.

# GA 28 Day Protocol – Fran Kuhn/Kathleen Lockbaum/Sherie Jenkins

1. Budget Summary regarding removing the language to eliminate the 28-day protocol. There will no longer be a 28-day protocol with ES effective July 1, 2023. They will be folded into the work activities that are set up. We (local areas) need to set up activities that will engage the GA customer.
2. Streamlining the process for the customer instead of passing the customer back and forth.
3. Local areas should be looking at recruiting activities for the One Stop’s.
4. Davidene Alpart – is this official? Does ES know? ES will be made aware. Services will continue until July 1st when the budget passes.
5. Howard Weiss – will sanctions continue for GA? July 1, the eligibility will be immediate on the application, the sanctions will remain in place.
6. The rational behind the move…wanted to ensure that there would not be anymore back and forth with the CWA’s. The CWA wanted to make sure that the customer is eligible right away and then be referred to the One Stops for activities. They did not want the customers waiting longer for their money.
7. Victoria Bollhardt – Their office does the CSA’s how does that change if a client gets granted? Make the appointment for the CSA prior to appointment with One Stop. Set the CSA appointment right away - if the person does not show 2 times, they can be sanctioned.
8. The GA case load is much lower than it was when the process shifted to a 28-day protocol.
9. There is no update on TANF – still voluntary. Sherie states that DOL is hearing that they want to make the voluntary status to remain in place.
10. Fran is concerned that the customer is not fully prepared to navigate their services (childcare, transportation, financial literacy etc.) we need to prepare them with a roadmap. Fran would like a playbook and a coach that goes along with them.
11. Case management training is essential! There was a workgroup that was in place came up with ideas to better serve our clients. The ideas that were brought up included a solid training of both sides case management (One Stop and CWA) and have a playbook to assist our clients. Sherie will reach out to people to find out what happened with the group and their ideas and include Fran and Kathleen.
12. Virgen Velez – we are to assume that we do not have to worry about the participation rate. We need to take a look at the activities for TANF that are mandatory. The activities are currently limited – can we adjust the time limit on these activities? Participation rate is federally mandated and will not go away. However, you would have the person do what makes sense for them. Individualize services for your client. Look at it as a process not a point in time.
13. The other issue of concern is the Cost per Participant.
14. The WDB Directors need to be involved in the conversation as they set policy and procure activities.
15. Sherie will be meeting with all of us regarding the budgets. They will be looking at the funding. She will be right sizing our budgets. Think about new initiatives. She will be looking at the last 3 years – Kelly West brought up the COVID issues and the Voluntary status. Sherie wants to right size the budgets. Kelly would like to have the information sooner for contracting and Board of Commissioner timing.
16. Virgen asked if the WFNJ and WIOA funding to have the same timelines. Sherie will look into it.

# Intelligrants changeover -Lesley Hirsch

1. Intelligrants is from the creators of SAGE to digitize the process for ETPL and the private training schools.
2. It is effective today and up and running.
3. The data was migrated over from NJTOPPs.
4. Providers need to create an account.
5. Edwin Vallejo is the administrator of the system.
6. Every training provider will have their own dashboard and they will be able to see where they are in the process and where the problems are.
7. There was training sessions for all users. The state will be holding office hours for any issues. Training providers will be reminded by the system when there are expirations for their required documents.
8. Quality Control – is this still a local responsibility or is this a joint issue? This is a joint responsibility. It does take longer for the State to issue their findings and letters.
9. Virgen – What is the website that vendors should go to regarding Intelligrants. Look for an email from Lesley Hirsch in the recent past. <https://njdol.intelligrants.com>
10. NJTOPPs is no longer the search engine for customers to search for training. <https://training.njcareers.org>
11. Yolanda Taylor – How quickly will a response be to a vendor’s inquiry to a problem on the site? Vendors are responsible for updating the program information and the change is immediate. Also how does this effect front line staff in helping clients search for a training program? Customers should go to the training explorer (see #12 website). Local areas will no longer have access to the system to enter notes etc.
12. Chris Peak – is there still a transition period from NJTOPPs? No- the data was migrated by Lesley herself. If a program does not show on the new system, there may be a problem.
13. There is a problem right now with going live…. It should be in production now.
14. Howard Weiss – Any change in the waiver request? No changes
15. Fran – ask about an Industry Valued Credentials List? The state will be using the national list sponsored by the Career One Stop group.

# New or creative ideas for ITA’s

1. Atlantic County – will be funding support needs (transportation) through ITA’s.
2. Ocean County – ITA is $7000.00
3. Mercer County – pairing OJT with an ITA if a person needs it. The return to earn is now up to $20000 with a 50% reimbursement.

# Adjourn & Next Meeting

* Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 AM. Next Meeting: The next meeting date is May 1, 2023.