Minutes

GSETA Operations Committee

06/05/2023

# Call to Order – Virgen Velez

1. Fran Kuhn called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
2. Approval of minutes: Motion –Davidene Alpart Second –Kim Liguori .

# WFNJ/SNAP/GA – Melissa Moody, Jennifer Gietka

1. Streamlined procedure for moving people off of cash assistance and **time limits** – no updates really. Pre-Covid policies regarding time limits are in place July 1, 2022. County and SAIF vendor to meet with client. The client comes 2 times a month. If the client is not complying, the case will be closed. There are other steps to get back in compliance.
2. Is E time in place or not? It still functions and should be used to track the client.
3. Only voluntary work activities are on the SNAP side. TANF and GA are not voluntary right now. The Sanction process is on hold. But the requirement to participate is still in place.
4. The sanction update is a system issue and will take some time to update.
5. TANF and GA numbers are declining. SNAP is on the rise.
6. Broad budget impact: effects both TANF and SNAP. Caseload reduction act will have minimum impact for NJ. Pilot for 5 states to test a work participation rate – is there a better way to track work participation. Now enforcing outcome metrics for TANF – any exit of the TANF program 2nd and 4th quarter after exit (similar to WIOA)
7. Budget impact on SNAP – main impact is on ABAWD (time limited participants). Time limited participants will have an incremental increase over the next 3 years. FY24 raising age to 54 yrs. NJ has a waiver in FY23. FY25 raises to 55 yrs.
8. There will be new training regarding the ABAWD population. Questions regarding tracking – all held in the CWA system. It should be going through the AOSOS IAR to the CWA for them to enter into their system.
9. 3 Additional exemptions for ABAWD status: Veteran status, homeless, an individual who is in foster care up to their 18th birthday until 24 years old.
10. NJ has discretionary exemptions to use for certain cases up to 8% of the population. There is no more carryover for the discretionary exemptions.
11. Implementation will begin 2024 (January potentially if NJ loses the waiver).
12. This will sunset in 2030.
13. Still no idea when we will be able to start sanctioning TANF clients- it is on the back burner.
14. Lynda Wolf asked about the GJOB time limits. Can we have more than 4 weeks of GJOB consecutively? Review the work verification plan sent out in 2010ish. 4 weeks consecutive and an additional 2 not consecutive.
15. Melissa will be looking at what is policy and what is procedure. How do we work this out? How do we meet people where they are and give them the support they need.
16. No information on the 28-day procedure – July 1?

# Lesley Hirsch - NJDOL

1. There are quite a few issues with the IGX system. The State is trying to be as quick as possible to get back to vendors and us.
2. COI website – updated regularly with information. Send the link to the vendor and IGX Help and Lesley
3. Quarterly reporting – the quarterly reporting function is not operational. The state is testing with 7 training providers tomorrow. The vendors including colleges are required to report ALL customers (WIOA and Non WIOA). The quarterly reporting will be rolled out by July 15th. Open house for training providers on June 12th how to walk through on quarterly reporting.
4. AOSOS and the training explorer – IGX is not interfacing with outside functions. AOSOS is your Source!
5. Local waiver and the training explorer – contact Lesley immediately if see any issues with your local waivers. Any additional waivers should be sent to Lesley Hirsch.
6. Renewals – instructional data did not migrate into IGX. If you hear of any vendor having issues renewal, please contact IGX or Lesley.
7. Visibility as to why training providers might be suspended or revoked. The state does not have an idea how to do that. Would it be helpful if a staff person sends us the list and reason periodically?
8. Vendors are reminded 120 days, 60 days, and 30 days prior to suspension status regarding their status.
9. Is there any training being considered for the new staff? Lesley will try to arrange something once it is up to date. There is a walk through on the front page of the training explorer.
10. Can the instructional hours be added to the site? Yes there is a ticket in for this update.
11. Can the date be added to the printout of the ETPL?
12. CIP codes have been added.
13. If a vendor is in AOSOS they are good. Even if they are not on the Training Explorer. Rely on AOSOS.
14. What is the ideal turnaround time for vendors to get on the system – 90 days.
15. COEI Website: FAQs, How-Tos Training Video links and more! <https://www.nj.gov/labor/labormarketinformation/contact-us/COEI.shtml>
16. Emails about issues with IGX: IGXHelp@dol.nj.gov
17. Emails about anything else: TrainingEvaluationUnit@dol.nj.gov
18. Training Explorer Video for counselors: <https://training.njcareers.org/counselor>
19. Video of 5/11 IGX open house: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FAfeOaP4LTA>
20. Deck from 5/11 Open House:

# Professional Development

1. June 28th training on Healthy
2. Conference in October - $600 registration which includes the overnight stay.
3. Fran is looking into having a flat rate of training (similar to Netflix).

# Adjourn & Next Meeting

* Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 AM. Next Meeting: The next meeting date is July, 2023.
* Howard Weiss Motion to adjourn, Monica Mulligan Second.