Minutes

GSETA Operations Committee

02/05/2024

# Call to Order – Kim Liguori

1. Kim Liguori called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
2. Approval of minutes

# GSETA Professional Development Updates- Samantha Pfeiffer

1. Reviewed all flyers for the Professional Development Institute/Professional Development Opportunities
   1. LinkedIn Learning Licenses (February 1, through June 30)
   2. Metrix Learning Orientation
   3. Workforce Development Certifications through MaryAnn Lawrence with a recertification after 3 years.
   4. Early Bird specials for the 2024 GSETA conference.
   5. National Conference registrations
2. All money that is not used will be carried over to the next program year.

# NJDOL – Mariana Beshai-Ascander

1. Pathways to Recovery and JOBs grant have a May 31, 2024, end date.
2. LiLAH grant ends June 2025
3. SNAP Steps started on October 1 and ends September 30, 2025
4. There is a resource sheet for all grants and will be sent to Fran to send out to us.

# DFD Update – Melissa Moody

1. The status of TANF sanctions: there is the ability to sanction noncompliant customers. The state is looking at what they can do federally regarding sanctioning. The senior staff met with the local CWA’s Friday to see what the status of their clients. Until further notice, operate as usual.
2. ABAWDs – there was a webinar in January. The Statewide ABAWD waiver was terminated February 1st. Certain individuals will have their case closed if they are not meeting their ABAWD work requirements. Ages 18-52 and are not living with a minor, or have any barriers, they are considered able to work and are subject to the time limit. Those that are subject to the time limit, they are to be participating in a work activity. If they do not, they are only allowed be in noncompliance 3 months within a 3-year period. NJ was able to secure a waiver in most areas but not all – those areas Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, and Mercer (excluding Trenton city) all other areas cases will not close. However, if a person in the above areas gets close to their case closing, the State will save their case for 1 year through a statewide discretionary exemption.
3. FY25 the statewide will look into applying for an ABAWD waiver. Any area where the unemployment rate has been above 6% for the past 24 months can qualify for the ABAWD waiver.
4. State sent out an updated ABAWD notice to clients. Melissa will send out a copy to the local areas.
5. USDA - The difference between GA SNAP client and the TANF SNAP clients. GA SNAP must be fulfilling a work activity. If they are not compliant their GA case will shut down, but their SNAP will not close. and TANF SNAP clients. The TANF SNAP client must fulfill their work activity through TANF. Participant reimbursements should be only issued for them that is reasonably necessary to participate in a work activity and the amounts should be for actual amounts.
6. Howard Weiss – The Stevens Act is being violated as we are to be indicating the amount of federal funds that are being utilized in each funding title for a contract. GA and SNAP are comingled.

# Lynda Wolf – Cost Per Participant

1. Had a board member that kept asking for the cost per participant.
2. There is a tool on Workforce GPS that measures cost per participant. Is anyone using the tool? There are not, but we know of it.

# Open Discussion

1. Lesley Hirsch is not at today’s meeting. However, the local areas need an emergency alternative system to get our clients into training. Clients cannot get into training due to the issue the State has.
2. This needs to be sent to the Commissioner as it is not getting resolved.
3. Tool was updated January 2022 - very difficult to understand.
4. Use the amount of money used divided by the number clients served.
5. Kelly O’Neill-McGuire – Those areas that use Metrix Learning for structured programming, do you approve ABT? There is no one that is utilizing it where ABT is concerned.

# Adjourn & Next Meeting

* Meeting Adjourned at 11:00. Next Meeting: March 4, 2024, at 10:00 AM