

Meeting of Montgomery County Workforce Development Board*
July 6, 2022
8:30 AM

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Board Attendees: Jewru Bandeh, Sonya Bruton, Raymond Crowel, Mark Drury, Chris Gordon, Steve Greenfield, Courtney Hall, Yamil Hernandez, Amelia Kalant, Mahesh Kalva, Mary Lang, Beth Lash, Omar Lazo, Roxana Mejia, Yomi Ntewo, Sharon Strauss, Christa Tichy, Diego Uriburu, Ben Wu

Non-Board Attendees: Kyle Marinelli, Manager of Government Relations & Policy, National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB)

Staff: Anthony Featherstone, Executive Director; Cristina Escobar, Executive Assistant; Nate' Gordon; Deputy Director of Administrative Services; John Hattery, Deputy Director of Workforce Services; Sarah Van De Weert, Director of Government & Board Relations

Chairperson Welcome

Mr. Drury welcomed all board members and new members present. Motion to approve July minutes w/ no opposition.

Introduction from Executive Director

Mr. Featherstone gave a brief overview of the new project completed by WorkSource Montgomery. Mr. Featherstone stated that one of the projects was a community asset map. He explained the level of labor activity in our system and the level of coordination. Mr. Featherstone mentioned that the organization wanted to do an inventory and show who the workforce players are in our workforce development ecosystem – which prompted his team to create and execute a community asset map for Montgomery County residents. Mr. Featherstone introduced the Deputy Director of Workforce Services, John Hattery for a report on the Community Asset Map project.

Community Asset Map

- Mr. Hattery gave a presentation on how the community asset map includes 120 distinct organizations that provide one of the 22 service categories mentioned. His organization is intended to serve as the workforce system's connective tissue. The inventory and the people doing workforce activities and offering workforce services are vital components of it.
- Mr. Hattery stated that the community asset map is now being digitized and will soon be accessible through the website of his organization. Meanwhile, the analysis of the service gap is being completed. Mr. Hattery mentioned that this initiative was the result of his team's involvement in the Local Plan process last year.

Discussion of Chair Position

Mr. Drury commented on his two years as the organization's chair. He advised the members to create a plan or list of possible candidates for the position of chairman for the next year. Mr. Drury proceeded by asking members if they had any questions or comments regarding this topic.

ARPA Technical Assistance

- Mr. Featherstone expressed appreciation to NAWB for attending two meetings consecutively. He explained the background of ARPA FY 22 to our community's workforce system. Mr. Featherstone mentioned that his organization collaborated with several other boards and partnerships in other counties to create a training manual highlighting the dos and don'ts concerning ARPA funding. Mr. Featherstone introduced Kyle Marinelli, Manager of Government Relations & Policy, National Association of Workforce Development Boards (NAWB), and how this discussion will be about ARPA technical assistance/guide for the board members to utilize.
- Marinelli gave a short introduction before outlining the purpose of the ARPA presentation he will be delivering. Mr. Marinelli mentioned to help the boards in Maryland understand how to use these funds, NAWB and partners at FLP have been working on an ARPA training guide that covers all federal guidance as well as Maryland guidance. This guide covers the technical aspects of reporting requirements, definitions, and useful strategies for the ARPA funds.
- The purpose and limits of the ARP state and local fiscal recovery fund were presented by Mr. Marinelli. The SLFRF program was one of the programs established by ARPA. By allowing four flexible categories of acceptable uses of these funds, it was designed to combat the negative impacts of COVID-19 and its related economic effects.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:57 AM.

The next meeting will take place on September 7, 2022, at 8:30 AM.