



WIOA Alignment Group Meeting

Monday, April 25, 2022, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

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Google Meets Link: meet.google.com/bwv-bwno-bhk

Part 1: Combined Meeting of WIOA Alignment Group and Committee Leadership Teams

I. Welcome and Introductions

Lauren Gilwee

II. Committee Report Outs

- Overview *Dylan McDonough*
- Communications Committee *Susan Kaliush, Kimberlee Schulz, & LiLi Taylor*
 - Discussed 4 year data trends in open rate by month and by topic. Group discussed trends and why certain months, such as October, were much lower than others. Committee was not certain why
 - Committee shared topic ideas for feedback for May
 - Discussed what activities Local Areas are doing that could be included. Recommendation to hold on the feature story until activities are more underway later on in the Summer. For instance, Baltimore City is rolling out a partnership with Uber or Lyft later on in the Summer
 - Maybe Special Projects, such as Opioid Grants? There's confusion about what funds are relief money, what is ARPA money, how it rolls together with other funds
 - Maybe the MSDE Engagement efforts? Would help get the link out
 - Maybe the various graduations that are happening?
 - Usually do focus on youth in June, maybe do this then?
 - Committee will evaluate feedback and determine what to do
 - With the integration of SNAP E&T in the WIOA Plan, I think an article discussing what that means may be good. Also, we could include a topic on Afghan Humanitarian Parolees and Ukrainian refugees and the role our workforce system can play to help them connect to local jobs
- Data and Dashboard Committee *Douglas Weimer, Milena Kornyl, & Dylan McDonough*
 - Discussed the Committee's discussion on the Measurable Skills Gain policy, including question, concerns and excitements
- Policy Committee *Lauren Gilwee & Tina Turner*
 - Is meeting later this week about the MSG policy
 - Asked the WAG if there was any feedback on the Annual Report

- Erin noted the great work of the Committee on the Report, and will submit her comments soon
- Reminder that executives of non-Labor entities should review and give OK before it is posted online
- Professional Development and Technical Assistance *John Feaster & Lakisha Hill*
 - Shared that new module was coming and a draft may be sent to WAG for review
 - Shared new template for displaying compliance information
 - Agreement that the new format was more digestible
 - Erin noted that Title II is looking to increase their usership
 - Perketer noted that current users are mostly “leadership” staff
 - Want to try and have more “front-line” staff taking trainings

III. Next Steps and Action Items

Dylan McDonough

Part 2: WIOA Alignment Group – Remaining Business

I. Blueprint Implementation “Listening Session”

Linsey Malig-Mayhew and Mike Herschenfeld

- Mike Herschenfeld presented on the Blueprint and its implementation

II. Afghan Arrivals

DHS and MD Labor

- DHS and MD Labor provided updates on the afghan resettlement projects

III. Updates

- State Plan
- Raising the Bar
- Legislative Session

Lauren Gilwee

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IV. Good of the Order

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Next Meeting: Monday, May 23, 2022