

Garden State Employment and Training Association

MIS Committee Minutes

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Attendees:

Amy Ronketty – Salem	Kimberly Clayton – DOL
Carol Polack – Bergen	Keri Sullivan – Hudson
Christian Estevez – Mercer	Laurie Maguire – Camden
Claudia Cubias - Bergen	Leidy Ramirez – Hudson
Devon Poli-Lunt – Salem	Lillian Roman – Union
Diane Paz – Morris/Sussex/Warren	Lizette Bazan – Middlesex
Elizabeth Valentin – Cumb/Salem/Cape May	Lynda Wolf – Bergen
Felicia Ravenell – Equus Workforce Solutions	Mark Van Kampen – DOL
Helayne Stoermer – Monmouth	Monica VanPelt – Newark
Huy Dinh – Morris/Sussex/Warren	Nereida Lombardi – Essex
Isabel Jimenez -	Nieves Sweet – Newark
Jack Caltabiano – Passaic	Nimit Shah – DOL
Jaime Gomez – Cumberland	Rocio Rodriguez-Lema – DOL
Jeannie Phillips – Morris/Sussex/Warren	Robin Hayek – Bergen
Jeff Shulman – DOL	Sofia Comas-Phillips – Passaic
John Bicica – DOL	Stephen Epstein – DOL
Juliane Vega – DOL	Tara Hansen – Union
Kamlesh Patel – DOL	Tina McNamara – Ocean

Call to order 10:00 – Barbara Weir – Burlington County

I. Participant Picture – Mark Van Kampen

- The Participant Picture – where everything starts. Found under the Programs/PA tab in Legacy and Programs Tab in NexGen.
- Make sure the data is accurate on the Participant Record, before adding any activities or services to a customer’s record.
- All values need to be accurate for reporting purposes. If using Adult funds, need to make sure the customer is low-income, basic skills deficient, an English Language Learner, or on Public Assistance within 6 months before participation.
- Changing the record will not update the original snapshot; you must go into the Participant Record and change it.
- Mark will make the presentation and a tutorial on how to change the picture available to the group.

II. OSOS Updates – Kamlesh Patel

- The test server was down so there was no testing.
- RFP is complete, in the Q & A phase. Still on track to have a new vendor in place to build the new application for OSOS by early next year.
- Again, for any OSOS issues, email WorkforceInformationSystems@dol.nj.gov

III. WIOA Program Oversight & Development – John Bicica

- All monitoring is concluded. No findings, just observations with recommendations.
- Referring to **CFR 680.210 – Who may receive training services?** There must be documentation in OSOS to note *customer is unable to obtain other funding* before use of WIOA funds.

Are unable to obtain grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of such training, including such sources as State-funded training funds, Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), and Federal Pell Grants established under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, or require WIOA assistance in addition to other sources of grant assistance, including Federal Pell Grants (provisions relating to fund coordination are found at [§ 680.230](#) and WIOA sec. 134(c)(3)(B).

- Data validation also concluded with no issues. However, keep in mind eligibility for High School Graduates (only barrier) – must also be low-income and either basic skills deficient or an English Language Learner; per the Out-of-School Youth Eligibility. See #3 below.

An out-of-school youth (OSY) is an individual who is:

(a) Not attending any school (as defined under State law);

(b) Not younger than 16 or older than age 24 at time of enrollment. Because age eligibility is based on age at enrollment, participants may continue to receive services beyond the age of 24 once they are enrolled in the program; and

*(c) **One** or more of the following:*

(1) A school dropout;

(2) A youth who is within the age of compulsory school attendance, but has not attended school for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter. School year calendar quarter is based on how a local school district defines its school year quarters. In cases where schools do not use quarters, local programs must use calendar year quarters;

*(3) **A recipient of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent who is a low-income individual and is either basic skills deficient or an English language learner;***

(4) An offender;

(5) A homeless individual (as defined in sec. 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, a homeless child or youth (as defined in sec. 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, or a runaway;

(6) An individual in foster care or who has aged out of the foster care system, or who has attained 16 years of age and left foster care for kinship guardianship or adoption; a child eligible for assistance under sec. 477 of the Social Security Act), or in an out-of-home placement;

(7) An individual who is pregnant or parenting;

(8) An individual with a disability;

(9) A low-income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment. (20 CFR 681.210)

IV. Research and Analytics – Juliane Vega/Rocio Rodriguez-Lema

- Thank You to all collaborations for reports.
- Will provide an update on the report (P-120) next month.
- Pending report requests will be delivered shortly.
- Quarterly and Annual Reports are available in FutureWorks.

V. Conclusion:

- Barbara asked the committee to think about future topics to be discussed, to keep meetings fresh.
- Future Works will be present at the January meeting to discuss the new data issued on 11/25 via email; please prepare questions.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 29th at 10 AM via Teams

Future Meetings: March 26, May 28, and June 25. No Meetings in July/August

Adjourned: 10:32 AM