

MINUTES

GSETA Operations Committee

10/07/2024

Call to Order –

1. Fran Kuhn called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
2. Approval of minutes from September 2024. Motion: Davidene Alpart, Second: Sofia Phillips. All approved.

NJDOL Discussion re: Title I Eligibility: Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth WD-PY 24-11

1. Kendra Lee, Demaris Cruz, and Raul Ludizaca. There was a 3+ hour training in Hudson County and will be available to other areas.
2. Shared a Power Point that will be shared with the group after the presentation.
3. Local Boards **MUST** justify their determination to provide training without first providing career services.
4. Eligibility for training services should not drive eligibility for Title I Services
5. Adults must be served according to the Adult Program Priority of Services. USDOL expects that 75% of Adult program participants and a minimum of 50.1% will be from a WIOA priority group.
6. Chris Peak – Since 75% of Adults must meet the Priority of Service, then 25% can be those that meet no priority. John Bicica confirmed.
7. Apryl Caldwell and Victoria Bollhardt - Since Career Services must be documented in AOSOS, and ES provides those services how do we ensure that this is done. This will need to be addressed locally.
8. Flexibility in verifying eligibility documentation. Triage staff needs to be trained in eligibility for ALL services offered in the AJC. (TEGL 10-23 February 2024). Flexibility in collecting Social Security Numbers, Work Authorization and Self-Attestation.
 - a. Social Security Numbers (TEGL 26-16, TEGL 14-18, and NJWIN 2-17).
 - b. Self-Attestation TEGL 23-19 Change 2. Self-attestation means a written, or electronic/digital declaration of information for a particular data element, signed and dated by the participant.
 - c. Work Authorization Verification is not the same as verification for Eligibility.
9. Streamline intake and eligibility processes to ensure equitable access to all.
10. [Reducing Administrative Barriers to Improve Customer Experience in Grant Programs Administered by the Employment and Training Administration \(dol.gov\)](#)

Updates and Discussion: Literacy NGO

1. Dr. Jubniyak stated that other states do not have Learning Links.
2. Atlantic will continue to host a Learning Link regardless of if they are funded or not.

Work First NJ New Childcare DFDI and use of Shared Data Warehouse Tools

1. Since DFD was not available did not discuss.

1. The new In-Demand Occupations List will be released by the end of this month. Depending upon the feedback, there will be a grace period for changing our services.
2. The local and regional waiver process has not changed. The instructions have been shared with Fran and they will be shared with us. For example: HVAC. You will need to collect 2 letters from employers that discuss the need in the future. The O-Net code will need to be used by the WDB as part of the overview letter to NJDOL requesting a waiver. The turn around time is hardly anytime at all if all information is submitted as needed. Each employer letter is based on one occupation and the WDB letter must be for the one occupation with the O-Net Code.
3. Industry Valued Credentials Discussion – Should there be a caveat that we only have contracts with those vendors who provide training in Industry Valued Credentials. When a vendor applies to the ETPL, they are to indicate whether or not the training results in an Industry Valued Credentials.
 - a. An industry valued credential is one that helps an individual get a job.
 - b. It is not on the ETPL currently. This is being developed for the training explorer. It should be there by the end of November or beginning December.
4. IGX and ETPL Updates.
 - a. Weekly uploads to NJ Training Explorer.
 - b. NJTOPPS still connects to AOSOS.
 - c. IGX>AOSOS work is ongoing.
 - d. The IGX>Credential Registry>NJ Training Explorer connection to be completed November 2024.
5. Communication Updates:
 - a. Improved communication between providers and assigned specialists.
 - b. New Resources to be posted on the COEI homepage.
6. Training Providers are still seeking help. Who can they be directed to?
 - a. New Schools – Should complete the correct application. Once applications are started, they will be assigned to a specialist.
 - b. Providers that complete a modification. Can we accept a screenshot that states modification approved? It depends. It may not be approved actually. There may be more work that needs to be done by the vendor.
 - c. If you need to know why a provider is inactive or suspended, please contact Nanci. The situation is very fluid and can change rapidly.
7. How you can help with training providers. Please encourage providers to:
 - a. Use the IGX Training Provider Manual.
 - b. Check their Document Landing Page and Status History to find where the application is in the review process.
 - c. Write to their assigned specialist using Document Messages.
 - d. Check regularly for Document Messages and Notes.
 - e. Pay attention to IGX system notification email reminders about soon-to-be expired documents.
 - f. Suspended providers have to come into compliance before they make changes to their application.
8. MyCareerNJ Updates
 - a. Launching Career Pathways
 - b. Launching sector-based research
 - c. Participants needed for user acceptance testing
 - d. Marketing campaign forthcoming
 - e. Adding MyCareerNJ (MCNJ) link to UI claimant homepage

- f. Further work connecting UI claimants to MCNJ
 - g. They are looking for user journey testing individuals.
9. Resources
- a. Labor Market Information – About the Center for Occupational Employment Information (COEI) (nj.gov)
 - b. Demand Occupations List
 - c. Career Services – Local and Regional Waivers (nj.gov)
 - d. <https://MyCareer.NJ.Gov>
 - e. CIO user site (ed.gov)
10. If there are any other questions, please reach out to Nanci.
11. PowerPoint will be shared.

Open Discussion, Adjourn & Next Meeting

- Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 AM.
- See everyone at the GSETA conference on October 23, 2024.
- Next Meeting: Monday, November 4, 2024, at 10:00AM.