

NM Department of Workforce Solutions

V. Alonzo reported that a State Workforce Conference would be held in Albuquerque at the end of October 2023.

Service Provider Report

L. De La Cruz updated the board on open positions. There are three open positions. Two are on the Adult/Dislocated Worker, one in Clovis that they are still trying to fill. On the Youth/UFO side they have vacancies in Roswell and Ruidoso, they hope to fill these positions towards the end of the PY. Currently, they are serving 160 Dislocated Worker participants, 461 Adult participants, 342 Youth participants. They have currently allocated \$1.3 million in Adult services, allocated \$93,000 in Dislocated worker, and allocated \$305,217 in Youth.

He spoke on a project between ENMU-Ruidoso and Lincoln County Detention Center to increase employability for incarcerated individuals by training them in construction while incarcerated, so that they have employment available to them when re-entering their communities. They had four graduate and one is going through an OJT. In Curry County, female inmates are being released and they have laptops available to them so that they can continue taking classes at the One Stop office.

A CDL-heavy equipment cohort with businesses has begun to upskill existing staff. 9 participants have enrolled with an expected completion of training 04/07/2023.

They visited Santa Rosa and have 6 work experience currently, 2 are at the Blue Hole Cienega Project and 4 at the High School. They enrolled over 52 cadets from the Youth Challenge Academy in January, in their 2nd cohort.

The Youth Conference will be on April 5th and 6th at the Inn of the Mountain Gods and they hope to bring over 200 participants and up to 30 speakers.

Administrative Entity

B. Elias reported that the state's Open Meetings Act is going to revert to pre-covid status and we will be required to meet in-person for quarterly board meetings. Virtual attendance will still be available for those who cannot attend in person. 3 Board staff will attend the NAWDP Conference in May. NAWDP is a more program-level direct-service delivery conference in comparison to NAWB that is a higher level and board related. 161,000 youth funds that were re-allotted will be accepted and carried over for next program year. B. Elias shared a potential opportunity for a space across from Clovis Community College for the Clovis One Stop. B. Elias shared the Total Participants Indicator, also known as her happy report, she showcased and highlighted how well the east is doing.

V. Davis gave an in-depth report on the Program Year 2022 Quarter 2 Performance

Measures with the report included in the packet. Credential Measures and Measurable Skills Gains have increased significantly since the report was last pulled in December. Wagner-Peyser measures are being exceeded and typically they are the highest in the state. Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth are all exceeding in Median Earnings measure. V. Davis gave an update on Central's PY21 program monitoring, M. Sosa is wrapping it up and they plan to start drafting up the report soon. M. Sosa is working to close out ENMU-R Adult and Dislocated Worker for PY22 and has begun the One Stop Operator monitoring.

One-Stop Operator and Site Manager Reports

B. Silvers reported on the partnership in the RESEA meetings. The coordination between Title I and Title III. He shared a success story about a participant who found herself unemployed and was able to find a new job while visiting the One Stop office in Clovis. B. Silvers shared the success of the Clovis Hires event for youth, they had over 1,100 students come through the event, 47 employers, and multiple interviews were done. The event was very successful, it exposed students to career fields and shared pathways that they could take when they are planning their lives for after graduation. B. Silvers talked about the "Welcome Letter" that is being sent to new UI applicants encouraging them to contact the Hobbs office for services, the goal is to expand these letters into Alamogordo and Clovis.

R. Van Leuven gave an update on each One Stop office location. The walk-in rate has dropped 20% in all offices, possibly due to season and/or weather. Roswell was the number 1 achiever for the last quarter.

B. Elias asked if any DWS Supervisors had anything they would like to add as an update. A. Jenks spoke on the numbers that Randy were talking about and the Welcome Letter that Ben talked about. Lea County has the most enrollments. M. Martinez mentioned how they have been working with the high school to administer work keys assessments to students. They had over 100 students in the Carlsbad high school that are receiving their Work Keys Certificate and they are finishing work keys assessments for the alternative school.