

## **REPORTS**

### **NM Department of Workforce Solutions**

C. Gallegos had no updates from NMDWS at this time. C. Kelly plans to come down late July to discuss upcoming monitoring for PY 21, and plans that to begin in September or October.

### **Service Provider Report**

L. De La Cruz updated the board on Title I expenditures. They have expended a little over 1.3 million for Adult services and 177,000 for Dislocated Workers. Currently, they are serving 203 Dislocated Worker participants and 489 Adult participants. They have expended \$334,000 in Youth services and served 368 participants.

The Unearthing Future Opportunities (Youth program) has partnered with the Youth Challenge and has cohorts every semester that average around 50 participants per cohort. In Alamogordo, they have a new coach that started in October and they have enrolled 25 new participants since then. In Guadalupe County, they have partnered with the high school and the Lake City Youth Center to work with the youth community there, they have enrolled 13 participants, 8 of them have been placed in work experience, 3 of them have graduated and one was placed in a work experience at a hospital. The Hobbs leadership group is a group of program participants that meet monthly with the coaches to discuss different projects to help in the community.

The UFO Conference was the biggest event and second annual event. Inn of the Mountain Gods went above and beyond in making this event possible. The conference was funded with state funds and sponsored donations, noting that they didn't use any Title I funds for it. A total of 150 people between the age of 16 and 24 attended. 50% of the 150 were participants of the Title I program. There were over 30 speakers from a wide range of professions. S. Pawlyshyn pointed out that a percentage of the 150 attendees were Mescalero Apache youth.

L. De La Cruz shared a video showcasing the Hobbs Leadership group meeting, doing community work, citizenship training and government, work behavior and job shadowing, and civic engagement and activities.

L. De La Cruz reported on the Adult/DW grant. This year the team has done over 30 On-the-Job Trainings across eastern New Mexico. To expand their footprint on the counties, that they don't have as much movement on, they're working with Union and Harding County and currently they have 3 OJT's in development. Another big project that they had was the CDL training in Curry County. They partnered with Mountain View CDL School from El Paso, Texas. 10 participants have enrolled, all of them graduated and most have landed a job already and the coaches are working on getting the remaining ones placed.

They have worked with the Lincoln and Curry County Detention Centers on the prison project. A problem they are having in getting a training put in place at the location is that inmates don't have a clear date on when they will be released. They are moving forward

on working with the Roswell Prison, where inmates have more of a set date of when they will be released.

L. De La Cruz asked if there were any questions. S. Pawlyshyn asked in regards to the prison project if the program is able to provide transportation when they get released. L. De La Cruz explained that the training happens while they are incarcerated, it is half virtual, half in-person training. The training is approximately 8 weeks long, they get a certificate of completion. After they are released staff work to get inmates an On-the-Job Training.

L. De La Cruz shared some of the pictures of the projects that the Adult and Dislocated Worker team have done.

### **Administrative Entity**

V. Davis, the Programs Manager, gave an in-depth report on the Quarter 3 Performance Measures with the report included in the packet. She highlighted that program-wide they are expecting to meet or exceed every credential except the Youth credential measure. It has been discussed with the service provider and will be a point of focus in the new program year. They are looking for alternative ways to capture that credential measure. N. Sisneros inquired what the expected standard is, and V. Davis explained that the goal is 50.25 of the measure. B. Elias explained you have to meet 90% of that measure. V. Davis also noted that Wagner-Peyser is meeting and exceeding both the employment measures and median earning measures once again. V. Davis then highlighted the Grow with Google scholarship opportunities, these have an enrollment deadline of July. The team was able to enroll 9 and have 12 in progress.

B. Elias reported that Board program staff and Provider staff attended the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals in May. Board Program staff will be pursuing the certification of Workforce Development Professionals(CWDP) in the system. The PY23/FY24 funding letter has been received from NM DWS. The budget does show an overall increase of 18-20% in funding this year from last year. But B. Elias has been told by the Deputy Secretary that all of the projections coming out of USDOL are to expect significant workforce reductions in funding going forward. There is legislation that has passed the house that proposes a 22% reduction in funding. The other side of that is that one of the things they're looking at doing is reducing the funding that's flowing through the partner programs and the boards for workforce and doing more of it through grant applications.

B. Elias reported that G. Windle is no longer with the finance department for the board. There are some agreements with an external accounting firm to assist with some of the duties that were assigned under the financial manager role. For the September meeting, there will be an updated Org Chart and Revised Budget Schedule.

The CEO Partnership Agreement will be presented for review and approval at the September meeting.

The Central Region has requested that we conduct their monitoring again this year. The team has done a really good job with that. The Central Region are the Title I service provider in that region and can't monitor themselves, this is why their board has to have a monitoring requirement for the Title I program. We have been conducting that on their behalf.

### **One-Stop Operator and Site Manager Reports**

B. Silvers gave an update. He reported that they've been working on trying to find the best ways to engage all customers, job seekers, and employers. One of the things that they're focusing in on is those who have recently filed for unemployment and specifically those who are coming in for the mandatory weekly meeting, they don't have to come in every week, but there is a weekly meeting that they're requested to attend. For that re-employment meeting, they have created a video, it is the first of what they're hoping to have as many videos that may be able to engage people. People may be able to click on something that's fairly short, get a quick snapshot of what the workforce could potentially do for them, and then contact and opt themselves into these different programs. B. Silvers shared the video that was created by R. Van Leuven.

R. Van Leuven gave an update on each One Stop office location. R. Van Leuven spoke on the RESEA meetings and how they are helping to make people aware of the services the One Stops offer. R. Van Leuven also reported on the walk-in traffic and hiring events.

B. Elias asked if any DWS Supervisors had anything they would like to add as an update. Each Area Manager spoke on the successes in their counties. Lea County is leading in quarterly enrollments with over 700 enrollments. Curry County also had over 700 enrollments. Eddy County had a total of 577 enrollments. Otero County had 749 enrollments. Chaves County also had 749 enrollments. Each Area Manager reported on successful hiring events and different ways they are reaching out to new businesses to inform them of ways the One Stop office can help them find or upskill employees.