



Minutes to One Stop Partner Meeting

March 6, 2025

Present: S Bickle; D. Martinez; B. Rice; B. Michel; D.Jablonski

JBM Reviewed highlights of OSSO report for Quarter 2.

- **Full report is in the hands of all partners for review of details sent to all ahead of this meeting.**
Highlights:
- **WIOA Youth** – Although there were 68 enrolled, the goal was exceeded with 90 youth; this means that some were on and successfully left the program; the original goal was 80 so they met and exceeded this goal.
- **CRT** – The results here were actually record-breaking with 138 enrollments; also, what is noteworthy is the diversity of training providers and classes offered. This is customer choice so this variety is great.
- **OJT** – This program is also going very well. There is a separate OJT program started through another grant obtained from the state. Note that the companies listed in the report and job titles are either manufacturing or advanced manufacturing related. This shows the great need in this industry and that people are connecting and taking advantage of the training.

Future Grant Collaborations

- Bonnie has asked me to discuss this with this group to determine who might be interested and what each Partner can contribute to the grant partnership if opportunities arise.
- Smaller grant opportunities coming up so she wants to be fully aligned with other partners. Things to consider: Does your center have a 501C status? Are there services you can offer if we do a grant together? There are some out there to apply for now so if interested, please reach out. Anyone interested please express your interest to Jeannine: jbm@jbmconsultingonline.com
- WIOA program has suffered funding reductions, and there will be up to 11% in cuts in the program so we are trying to be proactive.

Dream It Do It Update:

- There are many programs for youth beginning in Middle School through High School.
- This program is focused on manufacturing opportunities and gets youth interested in trades. There is a social media site called Tallo which companies and youth can sign up on and connect directly.
- They are seeking youth 13 plus for the Girls in Manufacturing Camp if anyone knows anyone who may be interested. Contact Allison Sharpe at asharpe@didiwny.com





- There is a schedule of programming. The website for Dream It Do It is: <https://didiwny.com/about/> . There is good information that may be of interest for those you all serve.
- Don suggested to invite Allison Sharpe to one of our Partner meetings and so hopefully we will have her as a guest speaker in the next meeting if possible.

Policy changes for CRT and OJT

- Transportation allowance is now for bus pass only for CRT.
- For OJT, if someone loses an opportunity by no fault of their own, another opportunity will be found for them, funding permitted.

Partner Updates:

Bonnie:

- Going to have someone from her office to go to Albany to talk about with State Legislators about what they do with the hopes of providing more funding to programs of all Partner organizations.
- One Stop Front Desk – **seeking help**. There will be a month or so with no person to handle the desk. If anyone can send a staff member to help out it would be very appreciated; this will help them also with awareness of what is done from this office.
- Let Don Jablonski know if your agency can help. There will be internet access to be fully engaged in their regular jobs during this time while greeting people as well as printer access. This need is by March 17. Brian Michel expressed an interest to assist. Any others would also be appreciated.

Brian

- CDL contract is completed and being sent to insurance carrier for final look at wording;
- Group grant applicants seem to be better and so collaborations are important;
- Other opportunities likely to be funded are being sought out as a result of federal funds in question;
- Focusing on the National Science Foundation grant being modified to be more likely to be approved; three elected representatives are attached to this grant which helps, it is likely easier to obtain; *Brian's office will be asking you to allow them to change the date and intended recipient of the letters; What he needs is a simply acknowledgement in agreement.*
- He had a good meeting with a Governor's Office representative to discuss Niagara County funding needs; he stated that in 10 years, this county has not received workforce development funding; his appeal was to help get consideration of a small ask to prove how well they will do if funding is provided; (meeting/exceeding expectations)
- He would like to assemble a coalition with public and private sector to talk about what's happening in the funding scene and discuss how working together can work better;
- Grant through NYPA go to <https://www.nypa.gov/services/incentives-and-grants/economic-development/wnyppab> how to apply <https://www.nypa.gov/-/media/nypa/documents/document-library/boards/wnyppab/wnyppab-guidelines.pdf> provides an opportunity to band together to fill in funding gaps.





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- Middle states accreditation for SUNY Niagara is in process, if interested in participating or know someone who can come out to provide feedback let Brian know. Bonnie has volunteered to participate. Don mentioned the County Manager is also someone to include. Legislators are also being invited. Don can help reach out to county officials.

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5, 2025. Please mark your calendars or plan to send someone to represent your organization if possible. We share great information that is important for all Partner organizations so please be present to add to this collaborative effort of assisting one another to optimize effectiveness for all.

