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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Minutes

The Excellence Network, Refocused

The Ohio State University, Newark

December 15, 2022

9:00am – 10:30am

Targets:

- Retention
- Students/Pipeline
- Unhoused

Retention:

- Retention payments were approved and some information was released at 830.
- Payments approved and will cover 3 quarters of payments. Jan 18, Jan 21 and Feb 1. (Can opt in by Jan 16)
- Determine the wording/graphics for payments
- How does this work for benefits?
- LCBDD create a graphic/FAQ page on payment info. Previous feedback of DODD/County Boards communicating with the DSPs discussed for game plan. We will send an editable document to managers to change and distribute at their discretion (Not put on our stuff)
- Looking at the first 30 days: there are always groups that start and leave.
- Online training is really hard.

Responsibilities

- Anna and Brandi will create initial info document/first draft for DSPs and distribute by next Thursday. Will be a living document that will be edited and added to as questions are coming in from DSPs. *(Done and sent 12/21)*
- As agencies receive questions from staff, they will email those questions to Brandi for addition to the FAQ sheet
- Angie will send out DODD information.
- There was very little information as of the meeting so we develop marketing plan next month as info available
- *Brandi reached out to JFS to gather information as to the impact of DSPs benefits. Per JFS, if someone receives Medicaid/food/daycare benefits they will need to submit their paystub to their caseworker to show additional income. It would be helpful if the employers would create a letter on their letterhead that gives an overview of what the payment is for and the distribution schedule. While we are in a health emergency, no one is at risk of losing their benefits. Anna reached out to DODD to request a statement for DSPs who rely on JFS managed benefits to send to their case worker with their paystubs reflecting a retention payment.*

Students/Pipeline

- Will be on hold until next meeting due to schools being closed over winter break
- Discussed creating ways to get students exposure with the folks we support
- Students attending events have decreased. The event would have to draw interest (video games etc). Most events have been virtual and attendance has been good.

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- Connecting with academic programming. Nursing or Human services.
- Tim Goetz new at OSU Newark/COTC he replaced Derrick.
- Connect with high schools for the work programs for students over 18
- Alternative paths to graduation
- Help at risk students graduate?

Responsibilities

- On hold until January's meeting due to winter break
- Brandi and Brittany will reach out to Tim for a meeting
- Tim Goetz started as career services director Thanksgiving week. He moved into the space that was disability services (Warner 233). It has a large open office space and 2 smaller offices off of the large room. He is renovating the large room into a "work readiness" or "preparedness" area. It will be a comfortable and welcoming space where students can come and work on their resumes, explore job opportunities etc. The small offices off the larger space will be used for online interviews and in person interviews with employers.
- There are 2 online hiring platforms currently being used by OSU/COTC. Discussed the lack of students and employers using system. He is working on trying to get handshake only and would really like to teach students to use LinkedIn and move to that platform because they would use it in their future as well.
- Tim is from Franklin University. He did many online workshops for job seekers. He did "Preptalk" which were longer and more in depth in content and "Prepchat" which were 15 minutes or less. He found when you gave students chunkable content, they were more likely to check it out.
- It is difficult at this time to get large groups of students together on campus for workshops etc. but videos that highlight companies to be used for recruiting would be helpful to students.
- Asked if a sponsored coffee bar would be of interest to him. Would be a potential attractor to students and would add to the comfort of the space. He will check with building services to determine if allowable.
- He met with the social justice department because they are struggling to find internship availability for students. They prefer placements that are paid and receive college credit. Discussed how agencies could help fill this need. He will talk to other component directors as he meets them.
- He would like to do weekly workshops for smaller groups of students that would be centered around specific skills or employment opportunities
- Wants to work with community partners (employers) and get them on campus to meet directly with the students
- Tim is going to pop in the January 20th meeting to participate in the conversations around recruiting students.
- ***Brainstorm Idea*** Could partner with COTCs media students to come to a TEN meeting (or go into the field) and create a short video that could be used to recruit students

Unhoused

- Deb Dingus may have the data on this population
- Salvation Army potential partner
- St Vincent's potential partner
- Fostering Further potential partner
- Vertical 196 potential partner
- Deb T with Housing Coalition may be able to assist with information

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Responsibilities

- Brandi will reach Deb Dingus and Newark Homeless Outreach.
- Per Deb, there are approximately 300 people in Newark who rely on the beds at the shelter and temporary (tents) housing. This number fluctuates month to month. Schools keep records of students who are unhoused which will give a bigger picture. (This would be a difficult population to appeal to because there is not a “hub”. Many families “couch surf” and may be difficult to target) Deb T has data on how many people use her services.
- Trish (Newark Homeless outreach will reach out the first week of January to schedule a meeting with Brandi, a volunteer and Trish). NHO feeds 90-125 people Saturday mornings as well as passing out clothing, hygiene items and preventative items.
- CDS will reach Salvation Army and Vertical 196
- Vertical 196 primarily works with felons (98%) so may not be ideal to look for staff
- Awaiting return call from Salvation Army
- Teresa will reach Fostering Further and St Vincent’s
- St Vincent’s Natalie Freeman (740-670-0822), said that there are 3 – 6 people that they support on any given day who have no record of felonies.
She would welcome a person to come to meet people and had some suggestions:
 1. Please send a flyer to nfreeman@svdphaven
 - a. She will post
 - b. Should list the duties in general, and
 - c. List requirements (no felonies)
 - d. Who to call if person fits qualifications and wants to learn more
 2. She can also have their staff identify people who would be a good fit
 - a. They can let us know when that person will be at the shelter, or
 - b. We can schedule an appointment (they may not show up)
 3. She also said someone can setup at dinner time to talk with various people
 - a. I mentioned, didn’t want to get peoples hopes up if they do not qualify
 - b. I told her Brandi will decide if this is beneficial for both and contact her
- Fostering Further, Valerie and Yvonne are contacts. They have 1 young adult now who may be a good fit, will have her reach out. They work with youth coming out of the foster system into adulthood and help make sure their needs are met and adjust into adulthood. Many of the young folks who they work with do not have transportation which would potentially be a barrier but they are interested in hearing more about potential job opportunities.
- Angie will reach Deb T
 - Per Deb: The latest published number for Licking County was from 2019 and that was 208 individuals you can also look at the map and numbers here <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/ohioboscoc/viz/2019PointinTimeCountOhioBalanceofStateCoC/Individuals>
 - January 23 is data capture month which will hopefully provide realistic numbers.

Open discussion:

We ran out of time and were not able to get to these.

- Group expectations/accountability
- Communication plan

Next meeting info:

- The Ohio University, Newark
January 20, 2023 10:00-11:30