

ODMH/OCSEA WorkForce Development Steering Committee  
Quarterly Meeting with WSU/CHC Staff  
March 22, 2006, Meeting Minutes

Present: Liz Banks, Selina Bennet, Georgia Brokaw, John, Hall, Tom Lehman, Carlton, Norman Smith, John Star, Brian Walton, Woody Weimer, Ernest Wimbley, Kate Cauley

Georgia commended the team for the conference on October, and some discussion ensued about the event.

Georgia reviewed the state of affairs re: bargaining and negotiation and availability of Workforce Development funds for projects like the TPW pilot courses. It seemed clear there would continue to be funds for at least the 2006-2007 SFY, but the mechanism for acquiring the funds would likely be different, and the guidelines had yet to be worked out.

Georgia reported that other BHOs were anxious to be included in the courses, so was hopeful we could get things nailed down pretty soon re: funding for next year.

Kate reviewed the tuitions costs and the actual time it took to do the curricular development, both of which turned out to be more expensive than anticipated. Kate estimated that curricular development took about four times more than anticipated, and that tuition should be estimated at about \$5,000 per quarter per class since there are various options at various schools to facilitate getting the students enrolled in courses. Kate summarized that we try to do the first class at Masillon and Toledo in the fall, and the second course at Summit and Northfield in the fall and the second course at Masillon and Toledo in the spring and the first course again at Summit and Northfield in the spring, the cost in tuition will be minimally \$40,000. Kate further suggested that we should re-consider whether or not to have the students use the usual way of getting reimbursed for tuition through Workforce Development.

Discussion proceeded around whether or not we could do a summer course, and the consensus was generally not now.

Kate reported that the community colleges were interested in moving forward but could make no commitment until they understood there would be funding to support the project ongoing.

Tom asked what we would do when ODMH identifies new areas of competencies like MIMR and IDDT (SAMI)—do we change the curricular materials for the courses for TPWs or just do regular training for everyone on site as we have in the past?

This led to a discussion of the potential role of the Steering Committee in some kind of advisory capacity for ongoing curricular development/modification over the years.

There was some discussion about placing the copyright sign on all documents created to date. However, they will be constantly changing, and there are likely not forces out there looking to profit from this very specific work.

We do want some good PR however, and the people to talk to would be Laura Wantz from ODMH and Sally Meckling from Summit for example, and we should coordinate some PR on multiple levels.

Liz reported that there will be an open house for the new building at Summit on July 6, 2006.