



## EMPLOY MILWAUKEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Via Zoom Technology

1:30 to 3:00 pm

### APPROVED MINUTES

**Members Present:** Dr. Katrice Cotton (Chair), Christie Bevin, Karen (Burns) Sotak, Jolene Cooley, La Toya Sykes, Chee Thao, Derick Cornelius, David Knutson, Sharlen Moore, Gerard Randall

**Members Absent:** Dr. Keith Posley, Deshea Agee, Chytania Brown, Dionne Grayson, Karen Higgins, Donta Holmes, Jakeim Jackson- Bell, Silvia Swan,

**Employ Milwaukee Staff Present:** Vanesa Carmona-Lewis, Julie Cayo, Brenda King

**Guest Attending:** Dr. Carletta Noland, Time Coughlin, Kyle Ashley

Dr. Katrice Cotton called meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**1. Agenda Item 1: Committee Business**

Welcome & Introductions

(Chair) Dr. Katrice Cotton welcomed members to the meeting.

**2. Agenda Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Review & Approve Minutes from February 9, 2022

Chair Dr. Katrice Cotton members review minutes from February 9, 2022. La Toya Sykes moved to approve: Jolene Cooley seconded; February 9<sup>th</sup> minutes approved unanimously.

**3. Agenda Item 3: General Updates**

**a. General Employ Milwaukee Updates Vanesa Carmona-Lewis:**

- **Earn & Learn-** Application window is now open, as of May 9<sup>th</sup> worksites 179, and youth applicants 14,76. Vanessa Carmona-Lewis stated that EMI has did a more aggressive marketing approach, with the addition of billboard advertisement, radio ads, & a larger presence on social media. Goal was to serve 1300 youth, received an increase from the city for the hourly rate by .56 cents an hour to \$12.21. Discussion on the Earn & Learn program from the committee on the requirements, work hours, worksites and the evaluations that take place during the process
- **Impact & Unite US Demo** – Presented a Demo that will help connect the Public & Private Sectors health services on a single platform that they call a community information exchange. This platform will allow the communication to be concise and consistent for all that will use the platform to make sure those that need services get the services. Once on the platform it gives a bigger picture on

making sure clients need are being met on all levels. Impact's role is to facilitate and Unite Us builds the network and supply the software, the 211 resource is being included in the platform. This software will track all the way to the outcome.

- **New Grants-**
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#### **4. Agenda Item 4: General Updates:**

##### **a. Compete Milwaukee Program Outcomes**

Compete Milwaukee is a program that has a partnership with the Mayor's, Common Council, Workforce Development, and Private Employers that connects unemployed and under employed individuals with job training for employment. 16 Completed trainings, participants received 16 first aide/CPR, 16 OSHA 10, 6 Asbestos Abatement Supervisor, 9 LEAD safe renovator, 9 LEAD Abatement Workers and 8 completed CDL Prep Training. The Cohorts time frame was 8/23/21 – 3/11/2022. The next cohort is contingent on the needs of the city, but EMI is prepared to complete a second COHORT.

##### **b. Youth Build**

This program prepares young adults for careers in construction. This program began November 2021 with 30 participants completing hands on learning: 25 attained MSG's for PY21, 17 have attained HBI-PACT Credential, 1<sup>st</sup> session ends September 2022. Cohort 2 is construction with 42 participants currently with recruitment going to October 2022 that will have a start date November 2022. Healthcare Cohort 1 will begin February 21, 2022, will have 11 individual that will be working towards having C.N.A credentials, healthcare cohort 2 will begin February 2023.

##### **c. Brighter Future**

Contract Year is January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, progress is being made toward hitting goals, Brighter Future is seeing some defiant growth, Vanessa will check and send out updated numbers.

##### **d. WIOA Updates**

This is the in-school youth services, the enrollment numbers will increase, the numbers will look stronger further into the program. Staffing and students have both increased. The out of school youth numbers, this program did well have 241 participants that have earned credit credential, training, paid work training and job placement.

#### **5. Agenda Item 5: Youth Committee member Updates**

Gerard Randall in June the Milwaukee Education Partnership will have a booth at Summerfest to complete the FASFA completed for high school seniors. Sharlen Moore informed Tony Majorie Youth Excellent Award is taking nominations that is being sponsored by the Juvenile Justice. The Boys and Girls Club looking at purchasing Oculus platform. LaToya Sykes shared The Next Generation will have a summer program that will run 8 weeks. Jolene Cooley stated DVR will be starting youth internship and program with the LGBTQ community. Katrice Cotton stated MPS will have everything graduation with the entire week starting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. MPS will have a Spelling B on channel, 2 weekends at Vincent High School.

La Toya Sykes: a motion to adjourn La Toya Sykes 1<sup>st</sup> motion Gerard Randall 2<sup>nd</sup> motion All Approved  
Chair Dr. Katrice Cotton adjourned meeting at 2:54 p.m.

**Next Youth Committee Meeting:** August 10, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.-3:00p.m. via Zoom

**Next Board of Directors Meeting:** September 8, 2022, at 8:30a.m. -10:00 a. m. via Zoom