



Benchmarks of Success for Maryland's Workforce System
Policy Committee
March 18, 2021 1:30 – 3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Lauren Gilwee, Tina Turner, Patti Morfe, Lloyd Day, Bruce England, Lura Bozarth, Charles Hunt, Matt Jackson, Ken Lemberg, Wesley Wilson, Shamekka Kuykendall, Brit Ayers, John Kashuba, and Natalie Clements

Handouts: Agenda and 2021 Global Work Plan

Minutes

I. Welcome and Meeting Overview

- Lauren Gilwee welcomed members to the first meeting of the Policy Committee in 2021.
- State offices are closed due to COVID-19, so members are teleworking.

II. New Committee Co-Chair: Tina Turner

- Tina Turner is the Assistant Director of the Office of Cash Programs at the Department of Human Services (DHS).
- The Policy Committee welcomes Tina Turner as the new Co-Chair.
- Tina is excited to kick off the committee meetings for 2021!

III. 2021 Focus: Investigating Policy Changes During Virtual Programming

- The Policy Committee decided to conduct panel discussions on the following topics in 2021:
 - **Intake and Assessments:** examples of speakers could include WIOA Title I Youth Program staff, a WIOA Title II intake and assessment specialist, and WIOA Title IV staff.
 - **Access and Participation:** examples of speakers could include the nonprofit PCs for People, program participants, DWDAL reemployment staff, a community college and/or summer youth training provider (virtual, in-person, and/or hybrid).
 - **Staff and Business Engagement:** examples of speakers could include different levels of staff, a member of the Governor's Workforce Development Board, business services staff, and an industry association.

- **Participant Engagement and Outreach:** examples of speakers could include the Chair of the Communications Committee, Community Action Agencies, a training provider, and a vendor for DHS.
- **Performance:** examples of speakers could include Doug Weimer, Lynda Weber, and local performance staff.
- The committee leaders will start reaching out to possible speakers for April's meeting on Intake and Assessments.

IV. 2021 Global Work Plan

- The Policy Committee added one item to the 2021 Global Work Plan in November.
- The committee will provide a Findings Report and Recommendations to the WIOA Alignment Group.

V. Policy Committee Meeting Schedule

- In 2020, the committee met on the third Thursday of every month.
- In the past the time alternated between 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM. The Maryland Workforce Association now meets at the 9:30 time.
- The committee decided to stick to the third Thursday and to meet in the afternoon.

VI. Next Steps and Action Items

- The committee leaders will start reaching out to possible speakers for April's meeting on Intake and Assessments.
- Natalie will work with Ken to pull in PCs for People for the panel on Access and Participation.
- Lloyd talk to Suja Joseph to identify a speaker for the panel on Access and Participation.
- Patti will talk to providers to see who is providing virtual training that could speak at a panel.
- Natalie will send calendar invites for the committee's meetings for the rest of the year.