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Dear Board,

This is an update/overview of the current status of negotiations for the 2-year contracts for the OMJ System Operator and Career Service Providers.

The WIBBCW must select providers of career services through the award of contracts; and select the OhioMeansJobs system operator through competitive contracts. The BCW|Workforce Director and staff carry out board functions, as outlined in section 107(d) of WIOA and 20 C.F.R. 679.370, including competitively awarding contracts for providers of adult and dislocated worker career services, and the OhioMeansJobs center operator.

Contracts for the OMJ System Operator and Career Service Providers were awarded by the board on July 10, 2020. Negotiations have been occurring, since.

Currently, the OMJ System Operator contract's structure and language are being finalized between the awardee, the OMJ | BCW Consortium, as lead by Butler County Department of Job and Family Services (Butler County JFS), the BCW | Workforce Fiscal Agent, and WIOA legal advisor, Rochelle Daniels.

Upon agreement and authorized signatures, the contract would be in effect, retroactively, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022, with two (2) one-year contract renewal options, pending approval by the Workforce Investment Board of Butler|Clermont|Warren (WIBBCW).

BCW|Workforce Operations and the Director of the comprehensive OMJ One-Stop Center, in collaboration with the two affiliate One-Stop Center Directors, are maintaining indirect general OMJ System Operator responsibilities, uninterrupted, during the interim period.

The approved structure and language will be transferred to each county's OMJ Center Career Services Provider contract, which will also be in effect, retroactively, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022, with two (2) one-year contract renewal options, pending approval by the Workforce Investment Board of Butler|Clermont|Warren (WIBBCW).

Each OMJ One-Stop Center Director has continued direct services for business and workforce residents, uninterrupted, during this interim period.

Once executed, the BCW|Workforce Operations Deputy Director will oversee the area's contracts and agreements, to ensure all aspects are compliant with federal and state laws and regulations. The Deputy Director will seek consultation and/or guidance from Ohio's monitors, Operation's Executive Director, the jurisdiction's Fiscal Agent and/or our WIOA policy and legal advisors, as needed, to ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations is maintained.

The board, via the Development Committee, will be updated or as needed, solicited for any guidance, as negotiations conclude.

Respectfully, Stacy Sheffield