



**Local Management Executive Committee (LMC) Meeting
June 3, 2020 10:00 AM**

CAO Executive Directors Present: Jim Keltz, Greg Lezanic, Gail Valora, Becky Mitchel
Guests: Jennifer Holt, Blythe Brunner, Annette Campbell

WDB Staff Present: Linda Franco

Topics Discussed: CAO Updates; CareerLink re-opening update; EARN Provider reports; July 1st EARN program update; Greg Lezanic retirement

CAO Updates: Greg, Jim, Becky, and Gail reported that the County Assistance offices are still in the process of re-opening. Limited staff remained in the offices with the majority of staff tele-working during the pandemic. CAOs were required to submit re-opening plans to headquarters and are awaiting approval. They anticipate offices in our region to open within the next few weeks. Due to building capacity some staff will continue to tele-work, based on seniority. Few issues are anticipated as the federal waiver of face-to-face interviews remains in place and no customers will be closed before September 1st. Directors hope to receive guidance from headquarters on masks but currently plan to address any confrontations over masks as they do all issues, if the situation escalates they will call 911.

PA CareerLink® re-opening: Linda gave the group a brief update on the current scheduled re-opening of CL centers, indicating staff return to the offices on June 15th, with July 1 being the date centers will begin accepting customers by appointment.

EARN Provider Reports: Blythe reviewed the attached report and success stories with the group.

Changes to EARN Program, effective July 1: Annette and Blythe discussed the changes to the EARN program, including Assessments, the requirement for the availability of a licensed counselor for all EARN customers; the use of the CWDS IEP; placement is now 80 hours in 4 consecutive weeks at a wage of \$9.25 per hour; retention begins when TANF benefits close and is at 6 and 12 months now; and performance measures are as follows: Assessment-90%, IEP-85%, Licensed counselor-80%, Credentialing-50%, Placement-70%, Earned income-75%.

On behalf of Workforce Solutions and the North Central Workforce Development Board, Linda extended a sincere thank you to Greg Lezanic for his many years of service and support; wishing him a happy and healthy retirement.

Action items: None

Action Items for WDB: None