

Heartland Workforce Solutions AJC Partner Meeting

July 15, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

Attendees

Alejandra Sinecio, National Able A/DW
Amy Prochaska, US Probation and Pretrial
Carol Tucker, LFS
Cheri Czerwinski, Hamilton Ryker
Christine Trosper, Project Reset
Crystal Hins, NDOL
Donna Knerr, Heartland Workforce Solutions
Colleen Plasek, Ponca Tribe on NE
Geri Knight, One Heart Project
Gloria Harwell, Metro Comm College
Jennifer Lewis, Proteus
Jessica Begin, Turner Construction
Kat Connelly, Heartland Workforce Solutions
Kathy Anstine, Bridge to Independence

LaWanda Gould, Urban League of NE
Michelle Pfortmiller, Douglas Co Problem Solving Court
Omar Valentine, WIOA Youth
Patty Rast, Goodwill Employment Solutions
Meaghan Shea-Evans, National Able A/DW
Nicole Lewis, HWS/Seventy Five North
Roxanne Jackson, BVCA
Savannah High, National Able Network
Shayla Dailey, Job Corps
Sherri Kallon, UNMC
Staci Wise, AIM Institute
Stan Odenthal, Heartland Workforce Solutions
Timothy Jefferson, NDOL
Vanetta Early, Urban League of Nebraska

July Partner Meeting Notes

One Stop Update

The One Stop team is working on a promotional tool for all partners to use. It is a Menu of Services Brochure that is 11x17, folded in half to allow for other flyers and materials to be stuffed inside.

Check out the [Partner Page](#) on the HWS Website – Quarterly Snapshot Data, Tools to book rooms, archive of Partner Newsletter and more!

HWS received ARPA Funding to open South Omaha Location!

Still have space @ Metro South Express if partners would like to use the space to begin to develop clientele/relationships with South Omaha community

Join a Task Force! Email Savannah (shigh@nationalable.org) if you'd like to be a part of the Veteran, Reentry, Referral/Co-enrollment, or Older Worker task forces.

Events:

- Demystifying Tech – July 19 and 20th by AIM Institute at HWS (Flyer)
- Resume Workshops 1-4PM
- Statewide WIOA Cross Training Serious - 3rd Thursday of each Month @ 1pm
- Bring Your A Game to come soon @ HWS



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Business Services Team

Upcoming Employer Spotlights (Mondays 11-2) – [Flyer of all upcoming employer spotlights](#)

Employer Spotlights:

July

25	Dial Senior Living	Healthcare
25	Smithfield (National Hire a Veteran Day)	Production

August

1	Community Alliance	Human Services
8	Centris Fed Credit Union	Finance
15	Children's Hospital	Healthcare
22	Release Inc	Human Services

Better Business Workshops

Every third Thursday at 1pm

July 21 – Hiring and Recruiting Justice-involved Employees - [Register](#)

Job Fair at Seventy Five North - [Flyer](#)

July 26 4-6PM

Hoping for 15-20 Employers

Email Nicole Lewis to get involved – nlewis@hws-ne.org

Business can [register for services here](#)

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Partner Updates

CRED – Derek Comba | dcomba@hws-ne.org

[Application Link](#) for 2022

Trying to organize Hard Wood Flooring installation Program

-5-7 open spots

-Sept 3 - 15th

Dynamic Workforce - Omar Valentine | ovalentine@hws-ne.org

-Transitioned to Dynamic on July 1

- Open house to come

- Condensed Application.

-New Service Curriculum - Dynamic Futures - a digital success learning experience

- Fully Staffed

-[New website!](#) - referral, application and tools

JobCorps – Shayla Dailey | dailey.shayla@jobcorps.org

LFS – Carol Tucker | ctucker@lfsneb.org

New staff Sayeed as an employment specialist

-still have 1 position open

MCC – Gloria Harwell | gdharwell@mccneb.edu

[Information sessions for GAP Training](#) - mostly in person, can be virtual

National Able (WIOA Title I Adult/DW) – Meaghan Shea-Evans | msheaevens@nationalable.org

New program Manager - Meaghan Shea Evans

Staff available at Metro south Express 11-7 Wednesdays and 8-4 Thursdays

[Flyer in Spanish](#)

NDOL - Timothy Jefferson | timothy.jefferson@nebraska.gov

-Working toward getting fully staffed

- Rapid Response July ace for those

being laid off by Pay Pal @ 10



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Proteus - Jennifer Lewis - dianab@proteusinc.net | jenniferl@proteus.net

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska – Colleen Placek – cplasek@poncatrib-ne.org

[Urban League of Nebraska](#) – LaWanda Gould | lawanda.gould@urbanleagueneb.org

- Next Career Boot Camp – July 25-Aug12 – [Apply Now](#)

-Participants learn Bring You're a Game, do assessments, work on resume, interview skills, etc.

Turner Construction – Jess Begin – jbegin@tcco.com

-8 week paid program @ Sarpy Data Center

- Start career in construction industry

- Certifications in OSHA, Lift, First Aid

- M-F. 7-3:30

- Participants will go through background check

must be 18, have GED or HS diploma

- Next cohort begins on August 1

- Applications due last week of July

- wage is \$13.50 for first 4 weeks, plus food and 11 college credits

Last 4 weeks wage is up to trade partners to decide

[Flyer](#)

Goodwill – Patty Rast | prast@goodwillomaha.org

CNA training Applications due Aug 10

Class Aug 12-33

- beginning money Management class for probation clients

Networking

How to get more participants to job fairs

- Before COVID we would get 200+ job seekers

Employers are saying that they are consistently seeing low #'s

Colleen- NE UI rate is 1.5%

Omar- we need to narrow our topics or focuses on job fairs

Stan - focus on benefits, WITH, flexibility

Omar - Platinum benefits, General ones have too wide of range

Alejandra- Industry focused has been way more successful

Stan - May be move job fairs to more neutral

spaces or onsite Community Events seem to attract more



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The Labor Day Level Up job fair with tailgate party

Alejandra- Labor Day Parade - HWS partners could be a float together

We could consider being a vendor at SeptemberFest – [More information here](#)

