



Greater Lincoln Partner Forum Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 27th , 2022, 11:00- 12:30 pm

### **Vision**

Empowering Nebraskans to achieve economic independence and thrive in work and life in partnership with local employers.

- **Introduction**-Presented by Ronesha Love, One-Stop Operator
- **Welcome**-reviewed agenda.
- **Guest Spotlight-Morgan Hermanek from Community Health Endowment of Lincoln.**
  - PlaceMatters-2021
  - Every other year information is gathered to update the place matters information. , 2023 will begin the 5<sup>th</sup> version of Place Matter.
  - Background: When Lincoln General hospital was sold to Lincoln the Governor took the money received to create an endowment for Lincoln to improve the health of the community. This ranges from youth mentors to healthy food.
  - Morgan reviewed the maps for poverty from 1980-2019 which showed an increase in the areas of downtown and north Lincoln. The map of healthy foods available, also located in these same areas. Areas of Lincoln where youth fitness is available tended to be low in these same areas. One way they have tried to help in this area is partnering with the Malone Center to help with the youth activities. Youth health is tracked by a Pacer test which shows to have a relationship to children's math, reading and writing.
  - Morgan stated with youth sports and other topics they have interviewed the community and suggested watching the videos at the following links to hear what the community has to say: <https://www.chelincoln.org/news-events/community-conversations.html>
  - Morgan reviewed the map regarding aging adults. Which show many of them live in the outer parts of Lincoln due to this being with nursing home are located. She reviewed that in 2050 children ages 5 and younger will increase by 19% but adults 65 and older will increase by 53%. This will impact the workforce as many older adults will be retiring. The care need will increase but when they retire job openings will increase. Also, she reviewed prenatal care which showed those in the downtown/north area, specifically minorities lacked in prenatal care.
  - The map for renting vs. purchasing a home was reviewed which shows where there was increase. Morgan mentioned part of well-being and generational wealth is tied to owning a home.
  - Finally, Morgan reviewed life expectancy. The map showed that those living in the downtown/north area had a life expectancy of 72.3 but those living out south had a life expectancy of 81.1. This was tied to the maps showing that living in poverty, lack of access to healthy food, lack of fitness opportunities, prenatal care related to overall health outcomes.

- **AJC Staffing Updates**
  - Welcomes: Melissa McLachlan joined Amber's team as a Adult/DW Career planner on 2/1/2023.
  - Erick Hardeaway joined Amber's team as a Youth Career Planner on 2/13/2023.
  - Nick Fullerton is the new Career planner with Job Corps
- Goings:**
  - Deana Bowersmith is no longer with us. We are currently hiring for a part-time Resource Room Navigator
- **Greater Lincoln American Job Center updates**
  - **Grand opening**
    - Went well. We had about 80+ people in attendance.
  - **VITA-free tax services Mondays 10:00a-1:00p**
    - VITA still offering free tax filing for those who qualify through the tax season, ending 4/10/23 by appointment only.
  - **Open house for partners at the new AJC! RESCHEDULED**
    - Please join us if you can on 3/9/2023 for our open house. We will be doing tour of our new facility.
  - **Career Fair**
    - We will celebrate Career Week by highlighting a sector each day March 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>.
      - Monday, 2:30-4:30- Heath/Care taking
      - Tuesday, 1:00-3:00p- Manufacturing
      - Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p- I. T
      - Thursday, 1:00p-3:00p- Construction/Trades
      - Friday, 1:00p-3:00p- Hospitality/Customer Service
- **Customer Service Satisfaction Survey Summary**
  - 13 Customer Service Satisfaction Surveys completed for January
  - We received a 100% satisfaction rate which brings us to an 98% overall satisfaction rate year-to-date.
- **October traffic via Waitwhile**
  - Busiest days of the week for January were Tuesdays and Mondays. Followed by, Fridays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
  - The busiest hours are still 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
  - January, we had 668 unique individuals come into the AJC; with 885 different reasons for visiting the AJC. Which is the most unique individuals we have had in the last year.
  - Assistance needed included: assistance with job search services, Partner Programs, Employer services, WIOA services and unemployment services.
- **AJC and partners referrals made for August 2022**
  - **Referrals made by AJC staff**
    - Adult, DW and YESS-44
    - NDOL- 1

- Ponca Tribe WIOA-1
- **Referrals made through NE Works**
  - Supportive Services-38
  - Reentry Services-7
  - WIOA Services-11
- **One Stop Operator Contract Performance**
  - We are currently meeting all measures (Partner Forums, Walk-in Events, Monthly Communication to Partners, Monthly Job Fairs and Hiring event, and Customer satisfaction surveys). We have been in contact with Wichita State for our secret shopper to begin this month.
- **February 2023, events**
- 2/2/23 & 2/26/23: Service Master
- 2/6/2023: Advantage Personnel
- 2/7/23: Aviva Woodland
- 2/8/23: NDOT
- 2/10/23: Atrium Hospitality
- 2/13/23: Vision Mechanical
- 2/28/23: Professional picture day
- 2/23/23: AJC Grand Opening at 10:00am
- **Partner updates:**
- Lisa NDOL: Steamfitters and Plumbing application and testing offered at the AJC 3/6-3/17-see attached handout.
- Christi SCC- onboarding for GED/AED prep classes still occurring due to funding year they will start slowing down for onboarding in April leading to May through June. If you know of anyone who wants to sign up March would be a better time to do so.
- Richard Unemployment Insurance- new hours for claim center, will now close at 3:00p. Continue to work on claims as they come in. They have a large workload. Keep in mind UI has 21-28 to process a claim so claimants who recently applied should be mindful of the wait time so UI is able to answer phone calls that have immediate action needed.
- Jennifer Proteus- They are taking donations for long shelves T-shirts for those working in heat and pesticide. Donations can be a button down or cotton shirts, preferably a light color but they will take a darker color. Tamara is leaving so Proteus will be hiring for a full time trainer- requirement must be bi-lingual. They still have their USDA grant for farmers and some meat packing plant workers who were impacted by COVID. They could be eligible for \$600, as long as they worked at least one day after January 2020.
- Gary- Veteran's career fair on 3/23 11:00-3:00p. There will be 3 or 4 employers as well as veteran support organizations. This is open to the public, do not have to be a veteran to attend.
- Lisa Ponca Tribe WIOA-Lisa is the new contact for the Ponca Tribe WIOA if you have a referral you can reach out to her by Cell: 531-893-3931 Office: 402-438-9222 Email: [lagans@poncatribe-ne.org](mailto:lagans@poncatribe-ne.org)
- Amy VR- looking for agencies who offer programs/services for re-entry or incarcerated individuals. If you have someone, please contact Amy at 402-405-3189 or [amy.ortega@nebraska.gov](mailto:amy.ortega@nebraska.gov).

**Next meetings:** send Zoom meeting invites:

○ 3/20/2023 at 11:00 am

- **Next step:** Partner Spotlight for upcoming months

March and ongoing: We have had all partners speak if you know of an agency our group can benefit from, please let me know and I will see if they are interested in being our speaker for the month.

- American Job Center will be open on Arbor Day; however, Department of Labor staff will be out of office.
- **Meeting Adjournment:** Thank you!