**Westerville Area Chamber office 99 Commerce Park Dr. 43082**

**Agenda Tuesday, ELECTION DAY August 2, 2022, 3:30-4:40 PM**

**Attendees**: Jeff Akers, Amy Balster, Michael Carlson, Polly Clavijo, Gene Hollins, Charlene Kott, Dina Shultz, Janet Tressler-Davis Chamber Members

**Welcome – Introductions lead by Jeff Akers**

**Workgroup Updates from Team Members**

**Healthcare – Andy H.**

Jeff shared that Andy was pulled into a meeting. Jason Koma of Mt. Carmel has taken a new position with a different company. A replacement for Jason has yet to be named.

**Taxation/Worker’s Compensation –** Brandon Lawson/Charlene Kott

It was recommended that we seek an update on the Workers’ Compensation refund process. That request was added as a future meeting topic.

**Workforce: WorkWISE** – John Kellogg/Janet D./Gene Hollins

**Community Profile** – The group is working to create a community profile that aligns with the existing employee profile that will be used to attach and retain employers. The profile is being assembled by the City under the advisement of WorkWISE Collective. These are the two newly created documents:

Business Recruitment focus: <https://business.westerville.org/home/showpublisheddocument/37929/637937398447100000>

Talent recruitment focus: <https://business.westerville.org/home/showpublisheddocument/37979/637937398631930000>

**Cataloging Workforce Business Resources** – The group is also looking to catalog resources electronically to help businesses better navigate workforce challenges.

**Otterbein Partnership expanding workforce training** through the merging of Antioch University and Otterbein. (This will expand both universities masters programs throughout the country with Antioch’s presence already established in over 9 states.)

**What 2020 Census Data & yearly American Community Survey tells us about our business community – Timothy Sarko, US Census Bureau Data Dissemination Specialist**

Tim provided a robust presentation on the Census data as it relates to the state of Ohio, Franklin County, Delaware County, and the City of Westerville. Tim provided the slides for distribution to the committee members. He welcomed questions during the presentation and provided his contact information for future questions. Contact – [timothy.a.sarko@census.gov](mailto:timothy.a.sarko@census.gov) PPT included with minutes.

**Future Meeting Topics**

1. Office Safety & Security w/ Police Chief Chandler at the Justice Center (planning for Oct. meeting since the facility will not be open by early Sept.)
2. MORPC Rapid5 Update (planning for Sept. meeting)
3. WCSD New Elementary Update and Tour
4. Workers Compensation Refund Updates
5. Affordable/Attainable Housing Committee update
6. Others?

**Adjourn: 4:35PM**

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, September 6th, 2022, 3:30 PM at the Chamber office.**