



## Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board

HCWDB Meeting

November 12, 2025

Program Updates and Director's Report

### **Youth Program Updates:**

- WIOA Young Adult (WIOA Youth)
  - WIOA Youth PY24 funds must be expended by 3/31/2026.
  - PY24 Local Monitoring complete with providers Hired, Avivo, and Carver County. Overall, monitoring results were extremely positive and providers demonstrated responsiveness, cooperation, and commitment to improvement throughout the process.
- Minnesota Youth Program (MYP)
  - The SFY25 MYP report has been published by DEED and is available here: [Minnesota Youth Program SFY2025 Annual Report](#). Carver County's section can be found starting on pg. 20 and Hennepin County's section can be found starting on pg. 22.
  - Hennepin County has again retained Outreach to Schools funds from the SFY26 MYP grant to support Hennepin GO Career Expos. These Career Expos began in April 2025 and were incredibly successful, so we look forward to continuing to partner with local school districts and consortiums to provide career exploration activities for their young people.
  - The team is already hard at work planning for the next Hennepin GO Expo—to take place April 29<sup>th</sup>!
  - SFY25 Local Monitoring complete with provider Tree Trust. SFY25 monitoring in progress with provider Brooklynk.
- Youth at Work Competitive Grant
  - Hennepin County was awarded \$300,000.00 in Youth at Work Competitive grant funds to support youth career readiness and work experience activities during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 and 2027.
  - Hennepin County is partnering with Brooklynk to host two Career Academies in February, one for younger youth (14-17), and one for older youth (18-24).
    - These Career Academies will be 3 hours long, taking place over the course of two days and will be focused on key work readiness skill development using Brooklynk's Get Ready! Curriculum. Youth will earn a \$100 stipend for completing the Career Academy. The flyers for these two Career Academies is included with the meeting materials.

#### **Career Academy for Younger Youth (14-17)**

When: February 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Where: Brooklyn Park City Hall

#### **Career Academy for Older Youth (18-24)**

When: February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Where: Brooklyn Park City Hall



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- The Career Academy for older youth will specifically serve youth in our Community Rehabilitation and Probation programs.
- Hennepin County is also partnering with Luther Social Service to provide 10 internships in SFY26 and 27.
- TANF Youth Innovation Project
  - Hennepin County's 2026 TANF Youth Innovation Project allocation was reduced from \$50,000 in 2025 to \$35,000 in 2026.
  - 2026 TANF Youth planning documents were submitted to DEED on 1/9/26.

### **Adult and Dislocated Worker Program Updates**

- Completed subgrantee monitoring for PY23 and PY24 recipients (one subgrantee recipient only had PY24 funds, their monitoring will be finalized by the end of January)
- Subgrantees have received their final monitoring reports to review; one-on-one check-in's with subgrantees and DWD staff are scheduled to review/discuss
- Received PY25 WIOA second allocations and are finalizing modifications that include the additional funds and all provider requested changes (only two providers requested changes)
- DEED monitoring visit completed 12/18/25; follow-up meeting with DEED and DWD staff is scheduled 1/15/26
- DWD and Data Analytics teams continue to work to develop a WIOA/DW PowerBI dashboard to aid in program monitoring and invoice review

### **Director's Report**

- MOU and IFAs DEED has requested a meeting with staff to discuss the MOU and IFAs.
- Federal and State Updates
  - On January 12, 2026, the USDA—led by Secretary Brooke Rollins—announced it was suspending all active and future federal awards totaling approximately \$129 million to the State of Minnesota and the City of Minneapolis.
  - Workforce Leadership Council (WLC) Meeting The next WLC meeting will focus on Paid Leave and will be held remotely on February 23 at 1:30pm.
- Workgroups
  - The New Workgroups will begin meeting next month.
- Board Membership
  - We have three open Private Sector board seats. We anticipate more opportunities for applications later this year.