

MINUTES

CRYSTAL REPORT USER GROUP

Meeting date: April 24, 2009

Location: ETR Marlborough

Attendees: April Carvalho, Alice Daby, Christina Kelley, Cynthia Krusen, Gail Rossitter, Jeff Aho, Joan Boucher, Joe Eid, Joe Verla, John McCarthy, Kathy Hoffman, Kathy Wesley, Leslie Abramowitz, Linda Bass, Mike Doak, Mo Iorio, Norca Disla-Shannon, Steve Wirzburger

Recorder: Gail Rossitter

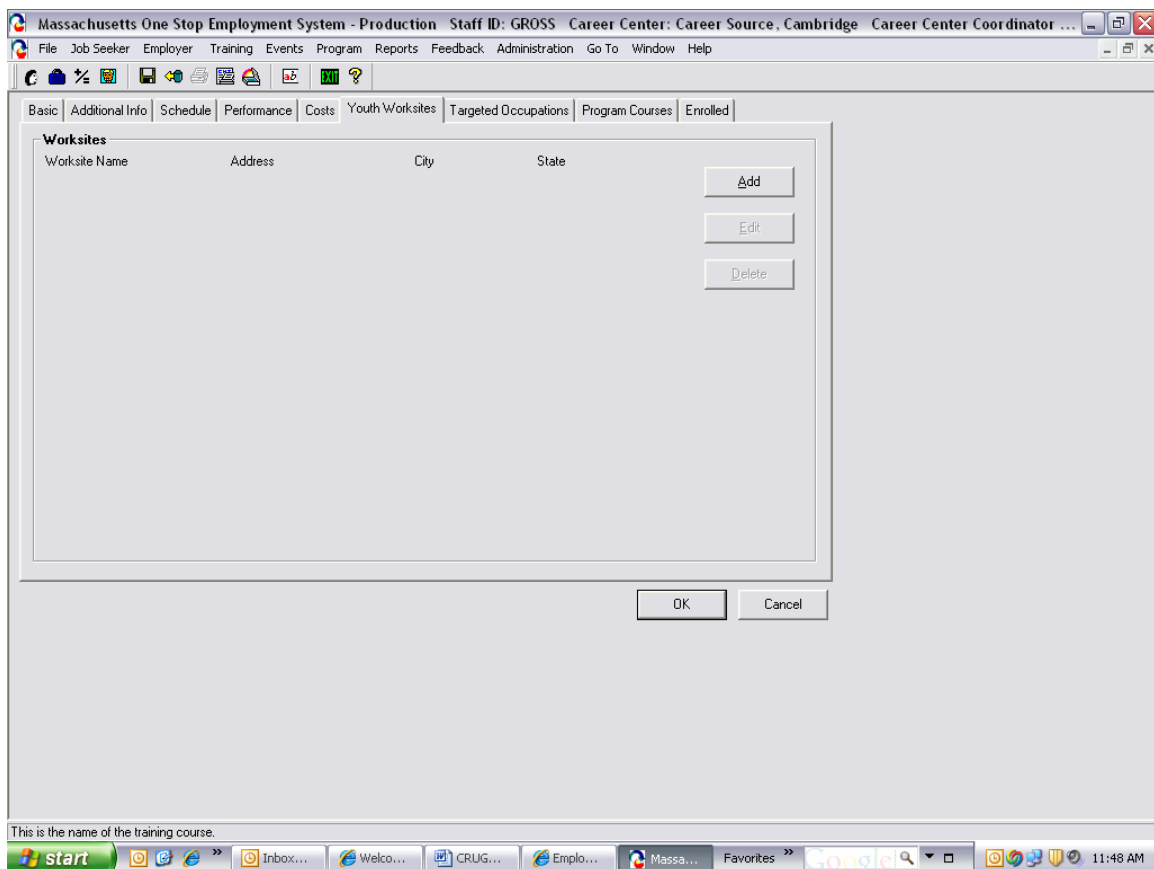
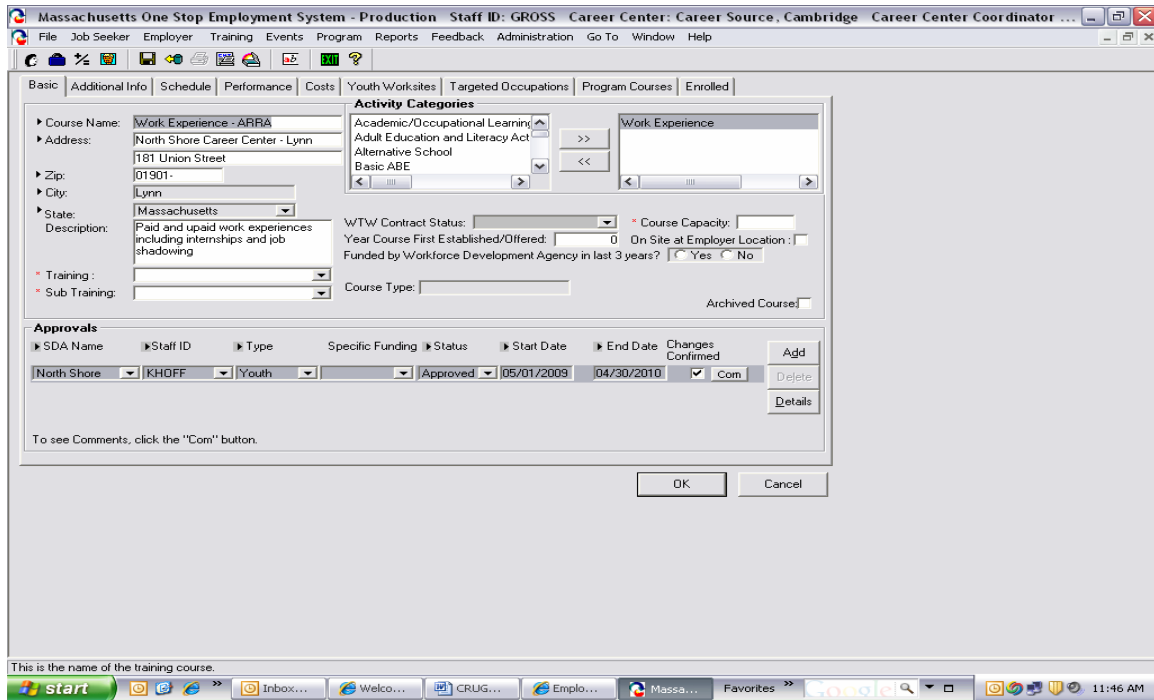
Website /Product Updates

- Recovery.gov is a new federal website providing information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) including where the money is going and opportunities that are available.
- An "ARRA" link has been added to the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development website, www.massworkforce.org.
- Questions regarding (ARRA) can be submitted to the following email address: recoveryact@detma.org
- TalentQuest the employer side of JobQuest is being renamed JobQuest.

MOSES Updates

- May 4th build will have additional program buttons for:
 - WIA ARRA Title I Youth
 - WIA ARRA Title I Summer Youth
 - WIA ARRA Title I Dislocated Workers
 - WIA ARRA Title I Wagner-Peyser
 - WIA ARRA Title I Wagner-Peyser Reemployment Services
- New Fields have been added for these programs in the Adhoc Title I Report Table. See handout called Adding ARRA funding streams to the CS Adhoc Title I Report table.
- There have been a lot of questions from the field on how staff will know which employers are ARRA project employers. Including:
 - Q: Is there a list of approved sites?
 - A: At this time there is no list of employers that are participating.
 - Q: Are there project ID's?
 - A: There are project ID's but it is not are required field in MOSES. Staff can ask employers, "Did they get any recovery act money?" and "Is this job being paid for with that money?"
 - Q: Who determines enrollments into the ARRA grants?
 - A: The local WIB
- ARRA Adult participant tracking will be the same as WIA Adult/DLW tracking.
- ARRA Youth for the year round clients will follow normal performance measures.
- ARRA Summer Youth will be tracked from May 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. Anyone staying past "Summer" will be measured by regular youth performance measures.

- Summer enrollments will only require a work readiness goal, see work readiness in TEGL 17-05 attachment B.
- Summer Youth, after enrolling through the Basic tab of MOSES, may be enrolled in a course called “Work Experience” and each job can be entered as a worksite location for that course.



- There is still a requirement for 30% of youth funds to be spent on Out of School Youth (i.e. H.S. drop-out, H.S. or better but underemployed, ESL, or skills deficient or unemployed.) There was a question on whether to update client education levels and decided that with Youth records the education level shouldn't be changed and with Adults you could go ahead and update.
- To attain the Youth goal of work readiness there has to be an increase in some aspect of their skills.
- For Group training contracts for ARRA there is a check off in MOSES – these are for ARRA Adult or DLW only.
- For courses that are not ITA approved, add using the appropriate ARRA funding (see issuance.)
- For job placements there are new check offs for Union, Apprentice and ARRA
- Third quarter performance data is now available. This is a good time to look and see if all your data is in. This is a good time to look and see if you're missing any data. Pay attention to the Obtained Employment → Out of Work → Back to Work which is becoming more popular today.
- Also check retention (employed at 3, 6, 9, and 12 months)

Tech Talk

- BYORFS – a request was made to create a report to help staff to identify potential ARRA youth clients by creating a list of youth that had exited from WIA Youth within the last year and who still met the age requirements.

Next Meeting:

Friday, June 12th