Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name ODRC - Office of Enterprise Development Advisory Board

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

Pursuant to ORC 5145.162, the Office of Enterprise Development Advisory Board is tasked to advise and assist the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction with the creation of training programs and jobs for inmates and releases through partnerships with private sector businesses. This program is aligned with the Department's mission to reduce recidivism by providing training and work opportunities.

Agency’s past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

The Office of Enterprise Development holds quarterly meetings via the Microsoft Teams platfomr. The Advisory Board consists of at least five appointed members and the Executive Director of the Office of Correctional Institution Inspection Committee, who shall serve as an ex officio member. Each member shall have experience in labor relations, marketing, business management or business. The members and chairperson shall be appointed by the director of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The Advisory Board's size allows it to include members with a broad range of experiences and representation while remaining nimble. The Office of Enterprise Development is managed by the ODRC Workforce Development Administrator and does not have any full-time staff members assigned.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

We have not incurred any expenses for quarterly meetings. By statute, each member of the advisory board shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily in the performance of official duties of the board. Members of the board who are state employees shall be reimbursed for expenses pursuant to travel rules.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

The Office of Enterprise Development Advisory Board is authorized pursuant to ORC 5145.162 and consists of at least five appointed members. The Administrator for the Office of Enterprise Development shall be a member of the Advisory Board and its chairperson. The chairperson and members are appointed by the director of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Additional notes

OED Advisory Board approved Programs:

In partnership with Capital Transportation Academy, we have a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) training program in 3 prisons, to include Northeast Reintegration Center (NeRC), Grafton Correctional Institution (GCI) and Richland Correctional Institution.

There are 11 private partner employment opportunities for incarcerated persons.