FY 20 DESK REVIEW
As I mentioned with the onset of COVID, our office is taking the same stance as OCTAE regarding FY 2020 program performance – the ODHE Aspire office will not calculate performance success or failure based on FY 2020 data. There were too many factors beyond the programs’ control that impacted the FY 2020 data. We all know the importance of data and using it to analyze what’s working well in your program and what needs to be improved, despite COVID. Soon you’ll be receiving an FY 2020 Desk Review “Lite” version. The changes include:

- The ODHE Aspire office will not calculate performance success or failure based on FY 2020 data; therefore, the data provided in this desk review is informational for the Aspire coordinator/director.

- Measurable Skill Gain reflects program performance in relation to state averages and not state targets in order to provide programs a better comparison of their local data to state data.

- EFLs Met has been removed from the FY 2020 Aspire Desk Review to allow programs to focus on what they were able to accomplish during FY 2020 rather than what they did not achieve.

- The transition to postsecondary education and training calculation was changed from a one-year timeframe to two-year to capture a more authentic snapshot of student transitions
  - Ex. FY 2019 students who transitioned in FY 2019 or FY 2020

Additionally, the ODHE Aspire office would like to provide clarification as it relates to secondary credential attainment.
• Secondary credential attainment is calculated using the number of students who earned a secondary credential within the same fiscal year.
  o Ex. FY 2020 students who earned a secondary credential by the end of FY 2020.

FISCAL MONITORING
Another change you’ll see is the program managers monitoring more closely programs’ spending throughout the year. Most programs submit timely Project Cash Requests (PCRs), but for those that don’t, it’s hard to justify needing a grant if funds are not drawn down consistently throughout the year. Per the Grant Guidance (p9), treasurers should request PCRs monthly.

ONE-STOP COSTS
In FY 2020, 27 of the 47 Aspire providers paid fair share costs to the local OhioMeansJobs centers. These are the infrastructure costs in the partner MOUs and do not include other expenses paid by Aspire programs such as rent or classes at the one-stop. Of the 27 programs that paid in, the range was $60 - $19,325. The median was $3,300 and the mean $4,700. Since programs already track one-stop costs, we will be adding another form to Schedule A at the end of the year for programs to self-report their FY 2021 fair share costs. That would be the most reliable way for the Aspire office to get an accurate accounting of how much we paid, as a state, for federal reporting.

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