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Deputy Labor Commissioner Named to National Workforce Information Advisory Council

TRENTON, N.J., April 4, 2016 – Deputy Commissioner Aaron R. Fichtner, Ph.D. of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (LWD) was recently invited by U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez to serve on the U.S. Department of Labor’s Workforce Information Advisory Council (WIAC). WIAC is a Federal Advisory Committee of workforce and labor market information experts representing a broad range of national, state, and local data and information users and producers. WIAC serves a vital role in the implementation of the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, known as WIOA, which supplants and enhances the older Workforce Investment Act.

The purpose of the WIAC is to provide recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Labor, working jointly through the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training and the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, to address the evaluation and improvement of the nationwide workforce and labor market information system and statewide systems that comprise the nationwide system. WIAC also works to address how the federal Department of Labor and the states will cooperate in the management of those systems. Having previously served as LWD’s Assistant Commissioner for Labor Planning and Analysis and with more than 10 years’ experience in workforce development research, Deputy Commissioner Fichtner is uniquely qualified to assist in these efforts.

WIOA legislation ensures workers obtain skills that meet the needs of employers of 21st century jobs which in turn make employers more competitive. WIOA requires a new level of program alignment, coordination of services, and integrated strategic planning for core programs for adult, youth and dislocated workers; adult education and literacy; vocational rehabilitation; and Wagner-Peyser, which established the one-stop delivery system.

Last month, Deputy Commissioner Fichtner was elected chair of the National Association of State Liaisons for Workforce Development Partnerships, part of the National Governors Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices.

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