

**Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
 Youth Committee Meeting–Noon
 Wednesday, March 8, 2017, Noon
 Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Calhoun, GA**

Summary

Council Members Present:	Council Members Absent:	Guests & Staff:	
Ben Arp Starr Dees Beth Kelley Lisa Townsend Eric Waters	Gail Brown Erica Campbell Robb Gilstrap Curtis Kingsley Dianne Scoggins Gregory Wooten* <i>*resigned</i>	Karla Conetta Kathryn Durham Tammy Helbing Lesia Lambert Ginger McWhorter Christopher Cooper Anthony Rucker Kerri Hosmer Chris Johnson	LaDonna Collins Jessica McCranie Brandy Johnson Tanya Castro Sarah Sharp Tammy Pence Courtney Rouse Vince Stalling

Ms. Beth Kelley, Chairman of the Youth Committee, called the meeting to order. Ms. Kelley informed those present that the Minutes from the January 11, 2017 meeting had been mailed for review (attached). Mr. Ben Arp made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Eric Waters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker provided a fiscal budget update (attached) to those present. Mr. Eric Waters made a motion to approve the fiscal budget update. Mr. Ben Arp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Karla Conetta informed those present that a Youth performance report was not yet available due to the conversion in the GEO system from WIA to WIOA and implementation of a new system for performance reporting. She presented a report of Enrollments for 2016 (attached). She stated that enrollments were low for some of the contractors and that staff was working with them to provide any assistance needed to increase the numbers enrolled.

Ms. Lambert presented the Youth Committee Recommendations for Providers Budget Request Program Year 2017 (attached). Staff requested approval for the Youth Contract budgets, pending receipt of contract documentation, successful negotiations, and funds received from the Georgia Department of Economic Development-Workforce Division. In addition, staff

requests the flexibility to increase or decrease contract slots as needed. Due to low enrollments all are contingent upon refining service delivery options, expanding of geography area or reducing cost. Mr. Ben Arp made a motion to accept Staff recommendation. Ms. Star Dees seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lesia Lambert asked the committee members to come up with ideas to implement the "Youth Committee Goals and Objectives" (attached) Some suggestions were as follows:

1. Review the Resource Directory and continue to add youth resources.
2. Committee Members to come up with new ways to recruit Out of School Youth.
3. Develop ways to work with partners to reduce Cost.
4. Suggest a new referral process through the College and Career Academies in our region.

Georgia Northwestern Youth Success Academy and Endless Opportunities gave brief descriptions of their programs and services. Both providers had Youth that told how the WIOA Program had helped them and impacted their lives.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.