

**COUNCIL OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS (CCEOs)
of Northwest Georgia**

9:00 a.m. ~ Thursday, May 16, 2013
Calhoun Convention Center, Calhoun, GA

Minutes

Attendance - WIB

CCEOs Present or Represented, County:

Jason Winters, Chattooga
Ted Rumley, Dade
Donna Whitener, Fannin (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Irwin Bagwell, Floyd (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Jimmy Palmer, Gordon (proxy, David Hammond)
Allen Poole, Haralson (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Brittany Pittman, Murray (proxy, Ted Rumley)
David Austin, Paulding
Bebe Heiskell, Walker (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Mike Babb, Whitfield

CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County

Steve Taylor, Bartow
Joe Barger, Catoosa
Al Hoyle, Gilmer
Robert Jones, Pickens
Jason Ward, Polk

Staff/Guests Present

Gwen Dellinger
Randy Gayler
Terri Morgan

I. Welcome Ted Rumley

Chairman Ted Rumley called the meeting to order. It was established that a quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda Ted Rumley

Mr. Rumley informed those present that the consent agenda containing the minutes from the March 2013 regular meeting, the April 2013 called meeting and a Performance Report had been mailed. Mike Babb made the motion that the Consent Agenda be accepted. David Austin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. WIB Actions Gwen Dellinger

A. Ms. Dellinger reported that a request was received from Rome City Board of Education for an additional ten slots with no additional funds for this program year. The ten slots are for rising seniors needing summer credit recovery. These ten slots will be then of the twenty-five slots approved for Program Year 2013.

B. Ms. Dellinger informed those present that Northwest Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) of Rome, GA has requested approval of the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GA TAPP) program be approved for WIA participants for our region. This program is a job-embedded, classroom based program with multiple paths for candidates to complete teacher preparation and earn a clear, renewable professional certificate. The program is tailored for individuals who meet program requirements to be a perspective teacher in early childhood, middle-grades, secondary, special education, or P-12 education. Candidates are screened for

demonstration of competencies in the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required for an accomplished teacher. The candidate must complete a minimum of two academic years in a non-traditional path. Entrance requirements include a BS or associate Degree, GACE Basic Skills Test or Exempting SAT 1000 or above score or ACT of 43. Candidates are trained only in areas where there is a shortage of teachers, such as Math, Science, Special Ed or Career Technical Fields. Further, Northwest GA RESA verifies that the school system in the area that the candidate wishes to work is hiring in that particular field.

Upon completion, the candidate earns a teacher's certificate recognized by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. This is a two year 104 week course with 644 curriculum hours. Total cost \$6,000. Northwest GA RESA would also be required to sign a vendor agreement with NWGRC.

- C. Following is a list of vendor programs who have current agreements with NWGRC: Academy of Allied Health, Bryan College, CNA Nursing School of Calhoun, CPR with Mickey, Fortis College, Georgia College of Construction, Georgia Driving Academy, Grady Health Systems, Great Southern Driving Academy, Jacksonville State University, Joint Apprenticeship Training & Trust, Katlaw Truck Driving, Kennesaw State University, Learn to Earn Dental School, Medical/Technical Institute of North Georgia, Morehouse College, North Georgia Tech, Primecare, Southeast Lineman Training Center, Technology Center, Inc., Truck Driving Institute-Forsyth, Truck Driving Institute-Oxford, University of West Georgia. The State is currently completing subsequent eligibility review of all vendor schools, which includes performance and other compliance with state eligibility standards. If the school is recertified by the state, they must also be willing to sign a vendor agreement with NWGRC to comply with our requirements as outlined in the vendor agreement.
- D. Ms. Dellinger stated that Southern Polytechnic State has requested to be added as a vendor in our area. The program we are considering is Accelerated Training in Healthcare Information Technology. This is an upper level continuing education course which requires Associates/Bachelors experience. It places a particular focus on Electronic Health Records and related applications in hospitals. This should prove useful because this emphasis will be required with the new Health Care Act. This is a 10 week 80 curriculum hour course with a cost of \$2710 leading to a state approved certificate. Southern Polytechnic would be required to sign a vendor agreement with NWGRC.
- E. Ms. Dellinger then reported that Chattahoochee Technical College has requested \$60,000 in Dislocated Worker funds to serve 80 carryover students and 15 new students who will begin the new semester on June 8, 2013. Georgia Northwestern Technical College has extra Dislocated Worker funds available because they have fewer Dislocated Workers in training than they have anticipate and has offered to relinquish \$60,000 to Chattahoochee Technical College to help with the cost of training.
- F. Ms. Dellinger informed those present that, as the Tornado and Storm grant is ending, there are a few older workers that might be a good match for Mercy Senior Care OJT

program. Staff requested the flexibility to move up to 3 slots in the existing contract from DW into Tornado OJT slots for Mercy Senior Care if the placement proves to be appropriate. Additionally, Mercy Senior Care has experienced employee turnover and has struggled to fill slots during the transition of this turnover. They have been a long time successful provider. Staff requested funding for next year (see chart below) with the condition that they develop a plan to target a particular industry sector such as the medical field. They must present this plan for approval by July 1. This would enable them to better market their program and bring in a different clientele. The participants would be more focused on a career path which will improve all areas of performance. Job placements will be monitored more closely.

- G. Ms. Dellinger reported that Georgia Department of Labor has also had employee transitions in the management position and has been faced with filling slots for their National Emergency Grants. This has created challenges with their regular Adult and DW program during the year. DOL has been an extremely successful program in the past. They have met goals set for the OJT/NEG grant which ended in September. They have also placed over 150 participants into the Temporary Employment program under the Tornado and Storm Grant. This grant has just been extended through September to allow temporary employees to complete their training and to transition them into OJT or ITA placements. Staff requested funding GDOL for another year with the condition that they also prepare a plan for targeting industry sectors that have shown to be in demand in the region.

	Adult	DW	Tornado	Total	
Mercy Senior Care	\$52,365	\$20,364		\$72,729	18 Adult/7 DW
Department of Labor	\$67,931	\$170,461	\$7703/\$14,090 (WD)	\$260,185	41 Adult/109 DW/15 Tornado

- H. Ms. Dellinger stated that, having received initial approval, and pending final written approval by the Georgia Governor's Office of Workforce Development (GOWD), for the justification for sole-source procurement of Career Advisers' contracts, staff recommended that the current practice of sole-source procurement of services provided by Career Advisers be continued.
- I. Ms. Dellinger stated that, pursuant to newly completed One-Stop monitoring reports, the requirements for Level II One-Stop Centers are being met. Staff recommended the One-Stops continuing to operate at the current level until such time as GOWD implements new state guidelines.
- J. Ms. Dellinger provided the Council with a budget to those present which included funds, program expenses, support and NWGRC operating expenses.

Ms. Dellinger stated that all the above actions had been approved by the WIB. David Hammond made the motion that the WIB Actions be approved by the CCEO. David Austin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. WIB Legislation Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger reported that the WIB legislation had been signed by the Governor. She stated that a representative from GOWD would be attending the July 17, 2013 WIB meeting to provide information on how the changes in the legislation affect the WIB and CCEO. Ted Rumley asked when the legislation would take effect. Ms. Dellinger stated that she did not know.

Since there is no NWGRC Council Meeting scheduled for July, Ms. Dellinger invited the CCEO's to meet jointly with the WIB for the July Meeting.

Other

Ms. Dellinger stated that she had contacted the Heart of Georgia workforce area staff and Northeast Georgia workforce area staff regarding a policy for incentives (regarding GOWD's recent request from our area for assistance in securing the new company in our area). They informed her that they did not have such a policy. Ms. Dellinger stated that staff would work on a policy.

Ms. Dellinger informed those present that GOWD would be monitoring our area the week of July 8, 2013.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.