

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB) OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA, INC.

12:00 p.m. ~ Wednesday, April 17, 2013
Calhoun Convention Center, Calhoun, GA
Called Meeting
Minutes

WIB Members Present, County:

Jerry Garland, Bartow
Ryan Enos, Catoosa
Jim Henry, Chattooga
Loraine Green, Fannin
Lloyd Frasier, Floyd
Lynne Reese, Floyd
Bruce Bowman, Gordon
Shelia Callaway, Gordon
Cecelia Carson, Polk
Eric McDonald, Polk
Beth Kelley, Walker

Youth Council Members:

Renee McClanahan
Anne Rapp
Lynne Reese

**WIB Members Not Present,
County:**

Parnick Jennings, Bartow
Tim Thompson, Bartow
Ryan Morgan, Catoosa
Vance Grant, Catoosa*
Ruth Goff, Dade
Angie Douglass, Floyd
Ed James, Floyd
Pete McDonald, Floyd
Molly Majestic, Floyd
Brian Shealey, Floyd
Mitchell Morgan, Gilmer
Troy Frantzen, Gordon
Jeff Gazaway, Gordon
Mike Schwaderer, Haralson
Dr. Pete Snell, Haralson
Carl Campbell, Murray
Dan Penland, Murray
Gussie Harris, Paulding
Lance McCravy, Paulding
Dr. Rick Goble, Pickens
Gerry Nechvatel, Pickens
Jonathan Ray, Pickens
Lewis Williams, Pickens
Lisa Clark, Polk
Joe Remilliard, Whitfield
Mike Babb, Whitfield, CCEO
Brian Cooksey, Whitfield
Dr. John Schwenn, Whitfield

NWGRC Staff:

Gwen Dellinger
Randy Gayler
Sarah Harrison
Tammy Helbing
Bernice Jackson
Lesia Lambert
Jamye McDonald
Julie Meadows
Terri Morgan
Anthony Rucker
Judy Siddall
Delmos Stone

Guests/Visitors:

Al Abernathy
Ann Bentley
Louvonnia Johnson Boone
Susan Doesburg
Kim Earley
Tracey Esmann
Lori Fields
Lucy Hale
Angela Harris
Judy Holcombe
Dr. Charles Johnson
Krista Kennedy Leonard
Lynn Long
Lori McAllister
Scott McNabb
Julie Meadows
Lisa Payne
Anne Rapp
Brian Spillers
Vicki Thompson
Dawne White

*Resigned or Vacated Position

I. Welcome Bruce Bowman

Bruce Bowman welcomed members and opened the meeting.

II. Budget Anthony Rucker

Anthony Rucker presented those present with a budget. Eric McDonald made the motion that this budget be approved. Loraine Green seconded. Motion carried with Beth Kelly and Jerry Garland abstaining and without dissenting vote.

III. Fund Transfer Anthony Rucker

Mr. Rucker reported that the Disaster Grant is set to expire on April 30, 2013 and the Hospital Grant will expire on June 30, 2013, unless an extension is received. He stated that individuals enrolled in training under these grants are also eligible for Dislocated Worker funds. He asked that the WIB approve a transfer of 30% from Adult to Dislocated Worker funds in order that individuals still enrolled in training could complete their training, if needed. Shelia Callaway made the motion that this request be approved. Jim Henry seconded. Motion carried with Beth Kelly and Jerry Garland abstaining and with no dissenting vote.

IV. Contracts..... Randy Gayler

Randy Gayler presented a request from Georgia Highlands College to approve the Management Development Continuing Education course at a cost of \$1,815. Eric McDonald made the motion to approve this request. Jerry Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gayler also presented a request from Chattooga Board of Education for two additional apprenticeship slots. This will not increase the contract's total amount. Beth Kelley made the motion to approve this request. Jim Henry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Plan Update Gwen Dellinger

Gwen Dellinger informed those present that the State's plan had not been approved by the USDOL. She also stated that, once the State's Plan was available, it was anticipated that changes would need to be made to the Local Plan. Some changes were already made due to legislation requiring changes to the Board's composition.

Ms. Dellinger also informed those present that changes to support policies may also need to be made depending upon changes in guidelines regarding support payments.

VI. Performance Adjustment..... Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger stated that a performance adjustment had been requested for the Adult Average 2nd and 3rd Quarter After Exit Earnings. Staff requested that the measure be lowered to \$12,500 from \$13,500 due to the depressed wages in our area. This request was granted.

VII. Bid for New Company Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger reported that the Governor's Office of Workforce Development had contacted her regarding a possible new company that the state of Georgia was bidding for. They asked if there were incentives that could be provided to this company that would assist in persuading them to locate in the Whitfield/Murray County area. Ms. Dellinger spoke with WIB Chairman, Bruce Bowman and CCEO Chairman, Ted Rumley and it was agreed that WIA could provide \$214,200 in On-the-Job Training funds to support this venture. A total of \$250,000 is requested to be put aside for next year. GOWD has verbally agreed to match these funds with \$350,000. Ms. Dellinger asked that the WIB endorse this decision. Eric McDonald made the motion to endorse the decision. Loraine Green seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Complaint..... Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger informed those present that the Executive Committee had previously been informed of a complaint by a participant regarding wages received from an OJT provider. The provider was paying the participant in cash and not withholding taxes. The individual wanted additional wages after the training period. That complaint was deemed by the attorney not to be part of the time covered by WIA.

However, an additional complaint has been made verbally by a participant who claims a similar situation occurred during the training period. Ms. Dellinger stated that no new complaint has been received in writing at this time but if it is received, it will be forwarded to the attorney.

Other

Jerry Garland informed those present that the Consortia had met and had agreed to the following Consortia replacements: Ed James will replace Twyla Crump; Lloyd Frasier will replace William Steiner; and Pete McDonald will replace Dr. Craig McDaniel, contingent upon endorsement from the local colleges. Beth Kelley made this motion. Eric McDonald seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cecelia Carson provided an update on the Department of Family and Children's new web access site where recipients can apply for services and manage their accounts.

Sarah Harrison advised those present that information was available on a table in the back of the room regarding mortgage assistance.

Jim Henry updated those present on project entered into by several Regional Commissions to gather community input on North Georgia's food system to build a stronger community-based food system. A survey was provided for completion.

Ms. Dellinger reminded those present of the Tri-State meeting which will be hosted by the Lowe's Regional Distribution Center in Rome. The cutoff date for RSVPs is April 19, 2013.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.