

Northwest Georgia Workforce Investment Board
 Youth Council Meeting- 11:00 am
 Wednesday, November 14, 2012
 Calhoun Convention Center, Calhoun, GA

Minutes

Council Members Present:	Council Members Absent:	Guest & Staff:
Ben Arp Erica Campbell Angie Douglass Curtis Kingsley Molly Majestic Lynn Reese Jennifer Stephens	Gail Brown Erin Hernandez Ed James Renee McClanahan Anita McDade Alita Pipe Jessica Pipe Angie Robinson Dianne Scoggins Katie Thomas Jason Winters Gregory Wooten	Karla Conetta Mary Czentnar Patti DuBois Lesia Lambert Janet McDonald

The Chairman Angie Douglas called the meeting to order. Ms. Douglas asked that those present introduce themselves.

Ms. Douglas then asked for a motion to approve the September 12, 2012 minutes (attached). Mr. Ben Arp made the motion to approve the minutes. Curtis Kingsley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert explained that the Youth Council had a vacancy that needed to be filled since Mr. Ed James wouldn't be able to serve. Ms. Lambert informed the Youth Council that a nomination for Mr. Brian Spillers from Mr. Ed James had been submitted to the Youth Council for Approval. Ms. Lambert then reviewed Mr. Spillers qualifications (attached) and recommended the Youth Council approve the nomination for Mr. Spiller. Mr. Curtis Kingsley made a motion that Mr. Spiller's nomination be accepted. Ms. Jennifer Stephens seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Conetta presented the Council with a current WIA youth service provider performance report (attached). Ms. Lambert then reviewed the increases in the negotiated levels from PY 2011 to PY 2012. Ms. Angie Douglas inquired what the staff was doing about providers who failed to meet the performance standards. Ms. Lambert stated that failure to meet the performance standards would be considered when evaluating next program year's contract. Also, Ms. Lambert explained that the youth staff are constantly monitoring and providing technical assistance to ensure the best possible outcomes for performance. Mr. Curtis Kingsley made a motion to accept the WIA youth service provider performance report. Mr. Ben Arp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert reviewed the results of the recent Monitoring by (GOWD) Governor's Office of Workforce Development. The Governor's Office of Workforce Development reviewed youth participant files and there were no findings or required actions noted in the exit interview. The report has not yet been received. However, discrepancies were noted on the three youth files regarding Data Validation for pregnant parenting youth.

Ms. Lambert informed those present that we had a Bidders Conference for Youth Services on Thursday November 8, 2012 and that RFPs must be submitted by December 7, 2012. Staff will review RFPs for

competitiveness, and at the January Youth Council meeting staff will present a proposed list of providers for PY 2013. Mr. Curtis Kingsley inquired if there would be a summer program this summer. Ms. Lambert stated at this time there has been no indication of a summer program. If funding were to become available, the Youth Council would be informed.

Ms. Lambert presented a Characteristics Report for the participants that were served during the PY 2011 program year and several participant success stories. It was noted that a large number of the participants were receiving Food Stamps and some single parents were also served. Younger Youth was the largest group served. It was also noted that the Governor's Office of Workforce Development was requesting more 14-16 year olds' participation. The difficulties of serving 14-16 year olds were discussed. Ms. Angie Douglas inquired how potential youth could get information about the program. Ms. Lambert stated that we have staff in some of the high schools and school administrators are contacted for high schools where there is no WIA staff representation.

Ms. Lambert requested that the Youth Council be more involved, and she requested that members come up with ways that the program could make a difference in our community. Each member was requested to come up with at least one idea and be prepared to present his or her idea at the next Youth Council Meeting.

The next Youth Council Meeting will be January 9, 2013 at 12:00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

