

Council of Chief Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Rome Civic Center
Rome, Georgia

Minutes

Attendance-CCEO

CCEOs Present or Represented, County:	CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County
Al Pallone, Bartow	Steven Henry, Catoosa
Steve Taylor, Bartow	Nick Millwood, Catoosa
Blake Elsberry, Chattooga	Wright Bagby, Floyd
Harry Harvey, Chattooga	Sundai Stevenson, Floyd
Alex Case, Dade (proxy, Ted Rumley)	Al Hoyle, Gilmer
Ted Rumley, Dade	Greg Hogan, Murray
Rhonda Haight, Fannin	David Carmichael, Paulding
Jamie Hensley, Fannin	James Kelly, Paulding
Jimmy Palmer, Gordon	Steve Lawrence, Pickens
Becky Hood, Gordon (proxy, Bud Owens)	Kris Stancil, Pickens
Charlie Paris, Gilmer (proxy, Ted Rumley)	Andrew Carter, Polk
Ronnie Ridley, Haralson	Hal Floyd, Polk
A.J. Scott, Haralson	
K. W. Gong, Murray	Staff and Guests:
Teddy Harris, Walker (proxy, Ted Rumley)	Karla Conetta
Shannon Whitfield, Walker	Lesia Lambert
Ken Gowin, Whitfield (proxy, Ted Rumley)	Terri Morgan
Jevin Jenson, Whitfield	Anthony Rucker

I. Welcome Ted Rumley

Ted Rumley, Chairman of the Council of Chief Elected Officials, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. It was established that a quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda Ted Rumley

Mr. Rumley informed those present that a Consent Agenda containing the November 17, 2021 minutes, a dislocation report, and a performance report had been e-mailed and was also attached for review. Al Pallone made the motion that the Consent Agenda be approved. Shannon Whitfield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Workforce Development Board Membership Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert informed those present that Yvonne Brooks, Secretary-Treasurer, Georgia State AFL-CIO, nominated Robert Strickland, Business Agent, Millwrights Local 1263, to fill the required Organized Labor category on the WDB (nomination form and letter attached). Al Pallone made the motion that the CCEO approve Robert Strickland for this vacancy. Steve Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Fiscal Report Anthony Rucker

Anthony Rucker presented the "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission WIOA Grant Financial Report, Grant Inception to 12/31/2021" (attached). These reports encompass the Adult, Dislocated Worker, COVID/Disaster, Youth programs. Ronnie Ridley made the motion to accept the report. Steve Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Performance Lesia Lambert

Karla Conetta provided the Board with Performance Reports for case managers and providers (attached). She stated that, while some providers' individual performance was low, overall our area met performance measures for 2020. Steve Taylor asked where the performance numbers are obtained. Ms. Conetta answered that performance reports were created from the data entered in the management information system. Al Pallone made the motion to approve these reports. Steve Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Workforce Development Board Actions Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert reminded the Council that a Request for Proposals had been issued for Youth Program Services and that funding was estimated to be approximately \$1,100,000 to serve approximately 400 youth participants. The RFPs received (below) totaled more than \$2,596,437. Ms. Lambert stated that staff had evaluated the proposals and agreed upon the above recommendations. She stated that youth funds are very competitive and allocations are decreased every year. Staff always makes every effort to obtain additional funding when and if it becomes available.

PROPOSING AGENCY	COUNTY(IES) SERVED	ACADEMIC TRAINING	WORK-RELATED TRAINING	TOTAL SERVED OUT-OF-SCHOOL	TOTAL SERVED IN-SCHOOL	COST PER PARTICIPANT	TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	EVALUATION SCORE (average)	RECOMMENDATIONS
Chattooga Board of Education	Chattooga	X	X		45	\$4,752	\$213,857	365	Staff recommends approving a minimum of 45 slots not to exceed \$50,000 in contract program cost & \$65,000 in participant wages for a total of \$115,000, contingent upon funds received from the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development & successful negotiations.
Rome Board of Education	Floyd	X	X		50	\$5,021	\$200,836	355	Staff recommends approving a minimum of 50 slots not to exceed \$65,000 in contract program cost & \$65,000 in participant wages for a total not to exceed \$130,000, contingent upon funds received from the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development & successful negotiations.
Endless Opportunities, Inc.	Catoosa, Gordon, Murray, Whitfield	X	X	75		\$6,085	\$456,355	335	Staff recommends approving a minimum of 65 slots not to exceed \$150,000 in contract program cost & \$35,000 in participant wages and supportive services, for a total not to exceed \$185,000 contingent upon funds received from the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development & successful negotiations.
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Floyd, Walker	X	X	190		\$4,040	\$767,550	345	Staff recommends approving a minimum of 190 slots not to exceed \$400,000 in contract program cost & \$65,000 in participant wages and supportive services for a total not to exceed \$465,000, contingent upon funds received from the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development & successful negotiations.
Paxen Learning Center	Bartow, Fannin, Gilmer, Haralson, Paulding, Polk	X	X	269		\$3,349	\$927,994	355	Staff recommends approving a minimum of 80 slots not to exceed \$280,000 in contract program cost & \$65,000 in participant wages & supportive services, for a total not to exceed \$350,000, contingent upon funds received from the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development & successful negotiations.

In the Door, LLC	Bartow, Catoosa, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, Whitfield	X	X	100		\$3,983	\$398,345	335	Proposal was found to be competitive. Performance from previous training was incomplete. Due to funding limitations, proposer was placed on contingency list.
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The Youth Committee and WDB approved the recommendations (below) for Youth Services, giving staff the ability to negotiate slots and funding contingent upon funds received from the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development. . Steven Henry made the motion that these recommendations be approved. Shannon Whitfield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert stated that a Request for Proposals had also been issued for Career Adviser/Case Management Services (below).

Proposer	Service	Counties to Serve	Number of Participants	Cost Per Participant	Total Cost	Average Score	Recommendation
Chattahoochee Technical College	Occupational skills Training	15 NWGA counties	178	\$4,798	\$854,100	398	Staff recommends approval of CTC's proposal to serve a minimum of 178 participants (includes carryovers) for a total not to exceed \$854,100, contingent upon the availability of funds and successful negotiations.
Georgia North-western Technical College	Occupational skills Training	15 NWGA counties	260	\$4,372	\$1,136,830	428	Staff recommends approval of GNTC's proposal to serve a minimum of 260 participants (includes carryovers) for a total not to exceed \$1,136,830, contingent upon the availability of funds and successful negotiations.
West Georgia Technical College	Occupational skills Training	15 NWGA counties	90	\$4,879	437,911	410	Staff recommends approval of WGTC's proposal to serve a minimum of 90 participants (includes carryovers) for a total not to exceed \$437,911, contingent upon the availability of funds and successful negotiations.

The Proposal Review Committee and the WDB approved these recommendations. Blake Elsberry made the motion to approve the recommendations. Steven Henry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert then presented a request from Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) to add the Certified Basic Flooring Installation Program to assist eligible applicants. GNTC began a cohort for this program earlier in January using other funding and have submitted a new proposal for the program as follows:

The program consists of 300 hours and will last a maximum of 10 weeks. Students are introduced to the flooring installation industry and will be equipped with the skills needed to perform carpet, resilient, hardwood and tile installation (this includes, carpet installing, proper use of tools, measuring, moisture identification, cutting, adhesives, grout, floating flooring types, nail and glue, floating installation buffing, staining, sealing, and finishing surfaces).

Entry Criteria: High School diploma or GED or currently enrolled in GED course work.
Cost per Participant for tuition, fees & insurance \$1,531 per participant.

The Proposal Review Committee and WDB approved adding the Certified Basic Flooring Installation Program to the Eligible Training Provider List and that funding be provided for one cohort to begin early spring with a minimum of eight (8) students at the cost of \$1,531 per student for a total of \$12,248 contingent upon receipt of performance information from the current cohort (number completed, wages, etc.). Steven Henry made the motion to approve this request. Shannon Whitfield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert provided updated One-Stop Certification forms (attached) for approval. She stated that each LWDA must have at least one certified Comprehensive One-Stop. Additionally, our region has ten affiliate One-Stop Centers, located at the Georgia Department of Labor Career Centers and the technical colleges where WIOA staff is housed (Chattahoochee Technical College, Georgia Northwestern Technical College, and West Georgia Technical College). The guidance from TCSG requires that the WDB and CCEO adopt the State's minimum criteria by June 30, 2022 and then submit the minutes to TCSG showing approval. Steve Taylor made the motion to approve the criteria. Al Pallone Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Other

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.