

Council of Chief Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia

Thursday, September 15, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Gordon County Agricultural Services Center, Calhoun, GA
Minutes

Attendance

CCEOs Present or Represented, County:

Steve Taylor, Bartow (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Harry Harvey, Chattooga (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Alex Case, Dade
Ted Rumley, Dade
Donna Whitener, Fannin (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Al Hoyle, Gilmer
Charlie Paris, Gilmer
Becky Hood, Gordon (proxy, Norris Sexton)
Pete Bridges, Haralson (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Allen Poole, Haralson
Tyson Haynes, Murray
Brittany Pittman, Murray
Boyd Austin, Paulding (proxy, Ted Rumley)
David Austin, Paulding
Robert Jones, Pickens (proxy, Ted Rumley)
John Weaver, Pickens
Larry Odom, Polk
Teddy Harris, Walker (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Mike Babb, Whitfield
Ken Gowin, Whitfield (proxy, Mike Babb)

CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County

Mitchell Bagley, Bartow
Nick Millwood, Catoosa
Keith Greene, Catoosa
Jason Winters, Chattooga
Bill Simonds, Fannin
Jamie Doss, Floyd
Larry Maxey, Floyd
Jimmy Palmer, Gordon
Stephanie Burford, Polk
Bebe Heiskell, Walker

Staff and Guests:

Wendy Davis
Gwen Dellinger
Terri Morgan

I. Welcome. Ted Rumley

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

II. Consent Agenda. Bruce Bowman

Mr. Rumley informed those present that the Minutes from the July 27, 2016 meeting had been mailed and were attached for review. Allen Poole made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Mike Babb seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. WDB Actions. Gwen Dellinger

Gwen Dellinger informed the Council that the Performance and Dislocation reports and Regional Job Analysis were routine reports for their information.

Ms. Dellinger then presented the following policies for approval:

A. Pre-Vocational

- B. Re-Enrollment
- C. ITA
- D. Work Experience Policy (youth)

She stated that these reports had been updated to better align with the new WIOA legislation. She also noted that many of our current policies will also need to be reviewed and updated as we move forward with WIOA. She asked if the Council wanted to have the new policies brought to them each time for review or if WDB approval of these policies would be acceptable to them (since a Council of Chief Elected Officials member also serves on the WDB). Mike Babb stated that it would depend on the scope of change to the policy and said he would want to be made aware of substantial changes to policies. Mr. Rumley asked if an executive summary of each policy could be provided. David Austin asked if these items could be placed in the Dropbox (where NWGRC documents are placed prior to the meeting) for review. Ms. Dellinger answered that these items don't go to the Dropbox because the NWGRC does not vote on policies. There was additional discussion regarding how the CCEO would handle policies. Wendy Davis suggested that perhaps substantive changes to policies could be summarized and sent to the CCEOs prior to the meetings. Allen Poole made the motion to approve the policies noted above (contingent upon WDB approval) as well as having staff send summaries of policy changes to the CCEOs prior to the meetings. David Austin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dellinger stated that Dignity Place in Acworth, Georgia had submitted a request to be added to the provider list but that not pertinent information has yet been received. This request will be addressed at the next meeting should all needed information be received.

Ms. Dellinger then stated that Georgia Northwestern Technical College had requested adding a Medical Assisting Degree program to their eligible provider list. The school has offered this program for some time but only their Medical Assisting Diploma program has been on the state EPL. The only difference in the programs is the prerequisite programs which WIOA does not pay for. After students begin the occupational skill programs, which WIOA pays for, the courses and costs are identical, three semesters at \$4,947. She stated that staff recommended adding this program contingent on WDB approval. Mike Babb asked what the difference between a CNA and MOA was. Ms. Dellinger stated that an MOA was a step above CNA and that the pay was greater. Brittany Pittman made the motion to approve this request contingent on WDB approval). Alex Case seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dellinger then reminded the Council that the Worksource Northwest Georgia Plan had been completed and had undergone its 30 day comment period. She stated that Adult Education had assisted our staff in completing the Plan but also had submitted changes (attached). She noted that most changes were grammatical in nature. Mike

Babb made the motion to approve the Plan with the attached changes and contingent upon WDB approval). David Austin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dellinger reported that our staff had received guidance from the State that one comprehensive One-Stop Center in our Region should be selected. Under WIA, our area had seven comprehensive One-Stop Centers: Blue Ridge, Cartersville, Cedartown, Dalton, LaFayette, and Rome Career Centers and West Georgia Technical College. She stated that staff had checked with each current comprehensive One-Stop Center and the Rome Career Center appears to be the One-Stop serving the most individuals. Additionally, the Rome Career Center building is owned by the State and therefore pays no rent. Another advantage of the Rome location is that it is very close in physical location to the Department of Family and Children Services and Vocational Rehabilitation offices and is also close to the Rome Senior Center. Allen Poole made the motion that the Rome Career Center be selected as the region's Comprehensive One-Stop Center (contingent upon WDB approval). David Austin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dellinger stated that our area had been monitored by the Georgia Department of Economic Development--Workforce Division and two fiscal findings and no program findings had been noted. Staff is responding to one of the findings before the findings become part of a final report.

Other

Gwen Dellinger informed those present that Connie Smith, Georgia Northwestern Technical College, had resigned from the college. Ms. Smith represented two categories on the WDB-- Adult Education Representative and Youth Services Representative. The Regulations and WDB Bylaws state that the Adult Education category shall be filled by requesting nominations from the technical colleges in the area. West Georgia Technical College did not wish to nominate an individual. Chattahoochee Technical College nominated Tamika Phillips, Executive Director for Adult Education. Georgia Northwestern Technical College nominated Kerri Hosmer, who has taken over Ms. Smith's position (Vice President, Office of Adult Education). Ms Dellinger stated that Ms. Hosmer would also be able to fill the "Youth Service Representative" category and that a representative from Floyd County might be preferable since the Comprehensive One-Stop Center would be located in Rome and Adult Education is a required partner. Mike Babb made the motion that Kerri Hosmer, Georgia Northwestern Technical College be approved to fill the vacancy. Larry Odom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.