

Workforce Development Board of Northwest Georgia Executive Committee

Tuesday, November 30, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
Rome, Georgia
and Via Zoom

Minutes

Executive Committee Members Present:

Jim Henry
Beth Kelley
Linda McEntire
Mitchell Morgan
Terri Morgan
Mike Murphy
Anthony Nash
Cam Parker

Guests and Staff Present:

Lesia Lambert
Terri Morgan
Anthony Rucker

Linda McEntire welcomed those present and called the meeting to order. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting. Jim Henry made the motion to approve. Mitchell Morgan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McEntire informed those present that a Consent Agenda (containing Minutes from the September 15, 2021 WDB Meeting, Minutes from the September 16, 2021 CCEO Meeting, a Performance Report, and a Dislocated Worker Report) had been e-mailed and was also attached for review. Beth Kelley made the motion that the Consent Agenda be approved. Jim Henry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker presented the "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Youth Summary, 11/16/2021" and the "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Budget to Actual-Adult, DW, COVID, 11/16/21" (attached). These reports are for PY2020 and encompass the Adult, Dislocated Worker, COVID/Disaster, Youth programs. Jim Henry made the motion to accept these reports. Cam Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesia Lambert informed those present that a Work Experience Agreement had been developed outlining the responsibilities of the participants, employers, and contractors for the virtual work experience component for youth (attached and emailed previously). This Agreement was approved by

the Youth Committee. Ms. McEntire asked what the “five high demand occupations” were. Ms. Lambert stated that she would provide that information. Beth Kelley made the motion to approve this Agreement, contingent upon receiving the high demand occupations. Jim Henry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert then presented a recommendation from staff to increase supportive services payments (handouts attached and previously emailed). She explained that, to offset the increasing cost of living caused by the current economic conditions and pandemic, staff requested the following changes to the support policy for transportation:

- 0.5-10 miles = \$7.50 per day
- 11-25 miles = \$10.00 per day
- 26 + miles = \$12.50 per day

This is an increase from \$6.00, \$8.00, and \$10.00 that is the current policy.

She stated that staff also recommended increasing the childcare supplement to include a 2nd child. This is an increase from one child, as is the current policy, up to two children at the current rate of \$15 dollars per day per child. These changes will also allow WIOA staff to utilize available funds for Adult/DW. The Proposal Review Committee approved these changes, effective November 17, 2021. Anthony Nash made the motion to approve. Mike Murphy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.