

Workforce Development Board of Northwest Georgia
Executive Committee
Tuesday, April 21, 2019, 1:00 p.m.
Virtually via GoTo Meeting

Minutes

Executive Committee Members Present:

Bruce Bowman
Beth Kelley
Linda McEntire
Mitchell Morgan
Terri Morgan

Chief Local Elected Official:

Ted Rumley

Guests and Staff Present:

Karla Conetta
Susan Gentry
Lesia Lambert
Anthony Rucker
Phyllis Walker

Bruce Bowman welcomed those present and called the virtual meeting to order. Terri Morgan asked for a roll call for participants attending virtually. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Lesia Lambert informed those present that the "Worksource Northwest Georgia Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan, June 2020" had been emailed to the Committee previously for review. Ms. Lambert informed those present that the Plan is required to be posted for a 30 day public comment period and then will need to be submitted to the State for their approval.

Ms. Lambert outlined the major changes to the Plan (since the 2018 update) including:

- Growth in healthcare, social assistance, retail trade, and transportation (page 4)
- Priority categories for Northwest Georgia (page 5)
- Manufacturing Employment Subsectors (pages 5-7)
- Manufacturing Wages (page 8)
- Healthcare Industry growth (page 8)
- Job Openings Snapshot (page 10)
- Graduation Rates, updated (page 15)
- Employment trends/unemployment rate (pages 17-19)
- Barriers to Employment (page 20-21)
- Workforce Activities (pages 22-24)
- Other Area Initiatives (page 24)
- Required partners (page 26)

- Targeted Sectors (page 27)
- Plans for coordination of eligibility documentation and participant outreach (pages 31-33)
- Sector strategy development (pages 33-45)
- Current One-Stop Operator (page 50)
- Youth Committee goals (pages 55-59)
- Older Youth Program Elements (pages 74-75)
- Youth components (pages 78-80)
- Work-Based Learning (page 80-81)
- Entrepreneurial Skills (pages 84-86)
- Supportive Services (page 89)
- Coordination with Social Service Programs (pages 89-90)
- Career Center Partners (page 95)
- Coordination with Vocational Rehabilitation (pages 98-99)
- Effectiveness in Serving Employers (page 100)
- Performance for Northwest Georgia (page 102)
- Registered Apprenticeship (page 106)
- Implementation of Technology (pages 107-109)
- Priority of Service (page 110)
- Alignment with State Goals (110-114)

Linda McEntire made the motion to accept the 2020 Plan. Mitchell Morgan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Gentry presented the Northwest Georgia One-Stop System Memorandum of Understanding and Exhibits for review. She stated that the documents had been emailed previously. Mitchell Morgan made the motion that these recommendations be approved. Linda McEntire seconded. Motion carried with Beth Kelley abstaining (due to her employment with the Georgia Department of Labor) and without dissenting vote.

Ms. Lambert presented the budgets for the WIOA Youth program. She noted that cuts had been made in the out-of-school Youth program contracts.

Contractor's Name	Budget Funds Requested	NWGRC Recommendation	Difference (Reduction)	Percentage Difference (Reduction)	Number of Slots	Work Experience	Support	Total Funding Requested
Chattooga BOE	\$51,084	\$51,084	\$0	\$0	50	\$70,000	N/A	\$121,084
Endless Opportunity	\$351,200	\$298,520	(\$52,680)	(15%)	75	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$388,520
GNTC	\$726,882	\$617,849	(\$109,033)	(15%)	185	\$70,000	\$40,000	\$727,849
Rome City BOE	\$76,637	\$76,637	\$0	\$0	45	\$70,000	N/A	\$146,637
Eckerd-Connect Paxen	\$375,000	\$318,750	(\$56,250)	(15%)	100	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$393,750
Total:	\$1,580,803	\$1,362,840	(\$217,963)	(15%)	455	\$295,000	\$120,000	\$1,777,840

Ms. Lambert stated that it was staff's recommendation to fund the Youth programs as listed in the chart above (and attached) at a cost not to exceed \$1,777,840 with the flexibility to negotiate slot levels and funding requests contingent upon funds received from the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development. Beth Kelley made the motion that these recommendations be approved. Linda McEntire seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert then presented the budgets for the WIOA Adult/Dislocated Worker program.

Contractor's Name	NWGRC Recommendation	Number of Slots	Operating Cost	Tuition	Support	Total Funding Requested
Chattahoochee Tech	\$635,392	216	\$241,925	\$293,467	\$100,000	\$635,392
Georgia Highlands	\$511,333	187	\$129,644	\$281,689	\$100,000	\$511,333
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	\$929,823	233	\$308,408	\$331,415	\$290,000	\$929,823
West Georgia Technical College	\$414,904	94	\$113,604	\$221,300	\$80,000	\$414,904
Georgia Department of Labor (OJT)	\$1,233,053	185	\$514,253	N/A	N/A	\$1,233,053
Total:	\$3,724,505					

Ms. Lambert stated that it was staff's recommendation to fund the Adult/Dislocated Worker programs as listed in the chart above (and attached) at a cost not to exceed \$3,724,505 with the flexibility to negotiate slot levels and funding requests contingent upon funds received from the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development. Mitchell Morgan made the motion that these recommendations be approved. Linda McEntire seconded. Motion carried with Beth Kelley abstaining (due to her employment with the Georgia Department of Labor) and without dissenting vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.