

**Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
 Youth Committee Meeting-Noon
 Wednesday, January 12, 2022, Noon
 Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
 Rome, Georgia
 and
 Via Zoom**

Minutes

<p><u>Committee Members Present</u> Ben Arp Beth Kelley April Sams Eric Waters</p> <p><u>Committee Members Absent</u> LaDonna Collins Nancy Edwards* Molly Majestic Curtis Kingsley</p> <p><i>*resigned</i></p>	<p><u>Guests and Staff Present</u> Tracie Ball Ashley Buice Karla Conetta Tammy Helbing Lesia Lambert Cindy Martin Terri Morgan Tammy Pence Courtney Rouse Anthony Rucker Vince Stalling</p>
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Beth Kelley, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Those present introduced themselves. Ms. Kelley informed those present that Minutes from the November 10, 2021 meeting had been emailed (attached). Eric Waters made the motion to approve the minutes. Ben Arp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker updated the Committee on the status of expenditures and available funds and referenced the handout entitled, "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Youth PY20, 12/31/2021" (attached). Eric Waters made the motion to accept this report. Ben Arp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Karla Conetta provided performance and enrollment reports (attached). She noted that the youth providers were all working very hard to enroll participants. Ben Arp made the motion to approve these reports. Eric Waters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesia Lambert presented the following "Proposal Summary, Youth Services" (attached).

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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Ms. Lambert noted that Catoosa and Whitfield Counties should be added to Eckerd Connects recommendation. She reminded the Committee that the Youth Request for Proposal stated that funding was estimated to be approximately \$1,000,000 to serve approximately 400 youth participants. The RFPs received 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. Eric Waters made the motion to approve the recommendations. Ben Arp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert informed those present that Disaster Grant funding is still available to provide work experience activities to individuals who lost their jobs due to COVID or who are long-term unemployed. She stated that these are sanitizing jobs and that currently individuals are participating in Chattooga, Dade, and Floyd Counties. She encouraged those present to contact her if they were interested in having a worksite or if they know individuals who would be interested in participating.

Terri Morgan noted that the Workforce Development Board Meeting would take place virtually on Wednesday, January 19, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. and would be virtual. She asked that they contact her for login information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.