

**Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
Youth Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, Noon
Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
Rome, Georgia

Minutes

<u>Committee Members Present</u> Ben Arp Beth Kelley Curtis Kingsley John Rhodarmer	<u>Guests and Staff Present</u> Karla Conetta Laura Daughtry Christy Elrod Erick Hopper Lesia Lambert Cindy Martin Jamy McDonald Terri Morgan Marilyn Patterson Tammy Pence Anthony Rucker
<u>Committee Members Absent</u> Tracie Ball LaDonna Collins Christa Gilmore Lashawn Hall April Sams	

Beth Kelley, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Those present introduced themselves. Ms. Kelley informed those present that Minutes from the November 1, 2023 meeting had been emailed (attached). Ben Arp made the motion to approve the minutes. Curtis Kingsley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker presented a financial report which detailed Youth Funding for the new program year, (handout entitled, "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Youth Budget, WIOA" attached. Curtis Kingsley made the motion to accept this report. John Rhodarmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Karla Conetta provided performance and enrollment reports (attached). Most performance measures are being met. She noted that enrollments were up compared to pandemic-level enrollments but were not yet up to pre-pandemic levels. John Rhodarmer made the motion to approve these reports. Ben Arp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesia Lambert presented the Youth Contract Budgets to the Committee. Ms. Lambert noted that Endless Opportunities, Inc. would be ending their contract service at the end of the program year on June 30, 2024. Expected costs to provide follow-up services for three months will be submitted.

Ms. Lambert stated that it was staff's recommendation to approve the following budgets and slots (also attached), contingent upon availability of funds from TCSG Office of Workforce

Development and successful contract negotiations with authority for staff to adjust slots and funding as needed provided the adjustments do not exceed the approved contract amounts. Mr. Kingsley asked if there were any current contracts with other Boards of Education. Ms. Lambert responded that other than the Chattooga County and Rome City Boards of Education, no other school systems had responded to the last bid for youth funding. She noted that the next bid for youth funding would take place in the fall. John Rhodarmer made the motion to approve these budget and slot recommendations. Curtis Kingsley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Contractor's Name</i>	<i>Funds Requested</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Work Experience</i>	<i>Total Funding Requested</i>	<i># of Slots Requested</i>	<i>NWGRC Recommendation</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>Chattooga BOE</i>	\$51,514	NA	\$40,000	\$91,514	45	\$51,514	Work Experience is listed for tracking purposes only
<i>Rome City BOE</i>	\$70,540	NA	\$40,000	\$110,540	50	\$70,540	Work Experience is listed for tracking purposes only
<i>GNTC</i>	\$588,093	\$35,500	\$40,000	\$636,737	190	\$561,237	Support and Work Experience are listed for tracking purposes only
<i>Eckerd-Connect Paxen</i>	\$280,000	\$25,000	\$32,500	\$337,500	80	\$280,000	Support and Work Experience are listed for tracking purposes only
<i>Total:</i>	\$990,147	\$60,500	\$152,500	\$1,176,291	365	\$963,291	Support and Work Experience are listed for tracking purposes only

Counties to be served by all above contractors: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, Whitfield.

Ms. Lambert informed those present that the Youth Committee Goals had been attached for review. She stated that the four-year plan for WIOA was due this year and that staff would send the portions of the plan that pertained to youth services to the committee and asked for thoughts and/or recommendations.

Erick Hopper and Tammy Pence presented information regarding the Youth Success Academy at Georgia Northwestern Technical College and shared success stories (attached).

Ms. Kelley reminded those present that the next Youth Committee Meeting would take place on May 8, 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.