

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

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, Noon  
Northwest Georgia Regional Commission  
Rome, Georgia

*Minutes*

<b><u>Committee Members Present</u></b> Ben Arp Tracie Ball Beth Kelley April Sams	<b><u>Guests and Staff Present</u></b> Karla Conetta Kimberly Daniels Christy Elrod Lesia Lambert Cindy Martin Terri Morgan Marilyn Patterson Courtney Rouse Anthony Rucker
<b><u>Committee Members Absent</u></b> LaDonna Collins Christa Gilmore Lashawn Hall Curtis Kingsley John Rhodarmer	

Beth Kelley, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Those present introduced themselves. Ms. Kelley informed those present that Minutes from the March 13, 2024 meeting had been emailed (attached). Ben Arp made the motion to approve the minutes. Tracie Ball seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker presented a financial report for the Youth Program (handout entitled, "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Youth Report4/30/24" attached). Tracie Ball made the motion to accept this report. Ben Arp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesia Lambert presented the slate of Officers for the Youth Committee for the upcoming year. They are as follows:

- Beth Kelley, Chairman
- Ben Arp, Vice-Chairman
- Tracie Ball, Secretary

Ms. Kelley asked if there were any nominations from the floor and hearing none, asked for a motion to approve this slate of Officers. April Sams made the motion to accept. Tracie Ball seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Karla Conetta provided performance and enrollment reports (attached). Most performance measures are being met. She noted that our area is not meeting all performance measures, but she expects those measures to increase as the year ends. She also pointed out that the state was also not meeting the Skills Gains measure. Additionally, she reported that TCSG has informed the local areas that performance measures will be increasing for the next year.

Ms. Lambert reminded those present that Endless Opportunities, Inc. would no longer be a provider of youth services in Northwest Georgia. She presented a request from Endless Opportunities, Inc. for \$5,000 to provide case management and follow-up services to the participants in their program (handout attached). The total includes salary, personnel, taxes, travel, supplies, phone services, and postage. She stated that it was the staff's recommendation to approve this request. Ben Arp made the motion to approve. April Sams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert informed those present that the portions of the area plan regarding Youth Services had been emailed and were also attached for review. She asked that the Youth Committee provide thoughts and/or recommendations to staff.

Ms. Lambert then provided information regarding the numbers of individuals served, dollars expended, and services provided by Youth Services providers (handout attached). She also invited the Committee to attend the upcoming Workforce Development Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.