

**Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
 Youth Committee Meeting–Noon
 Wednesday, September 18, 2019, Noon
 Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
 Rome, GA**

Minutes

| Council Members Present: | Council Members Absent: | Guests & Staff: |
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| Ben Arp Beth Kelley LaDonna Collins Lynn Rousseau | Curtis Kingsley Molly Majestic Eric Waters Carol Willis | Brandy Johnson Derrick McDaniel Tammy Pence Courtney Rouse Anthony Rucker Vince Stalling Vindy Martin Kim Justice |

Ms. LaDonna Collins called the meeting to order. Ms. Collins asked those present to introduce themselves.

Ms. LaDonna Collins asked those present to review the Minutes from May 8, 2019 meeting in their packet (attached). Ben Arp made the motion to approve the minutes. Lynn Rousseau seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker presented a financial report and updated Council members on the status of expenditures and available funds. (attached) He also informed those present that the state had received a waiver for the 75% out of School mandatory expenditure rate and the rate was currently 50% for out of school and 50% for in school youth, but the wavier was only for Program Years 2018 and 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30,2020. He further stated that the regional commission business plan/model would stay at 75% out of school expenditure rate for Youth Funds.

Karla Conetta informed those present that youth enrollment and performance reports were attached. She noted that our area met performance in all areas for PY 18.

Mr. McDaniel presented a request from Georgia Northwestern Technical College Youth Success Academy to add \$10,000 dollars to their PY19 budget to allow the purchase of seven computers/monitors and one network equipment. The addition of the seven computers/monitors and one printer would allow the youth success academy to streamline the testing process and allow more timely TABE Testing to facilitate faster entry into the GED program.

Staff recommended that an additional Ten Thousand (\$10,000) dollars in Youth Funds be added to Georgia Northwestern Technical College Youth Success Academy budget to purchase seven computers/monitors, and one Network Printer. Ben Arp made a motion to approve Staff's Recommendation. (attached) Ms. LaDonna Collins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McDaniel then presented the "Youth Services Policy," attached. He stated that changes were made to align Language in our local Youth Services Policy with State policies. He also stated that the changes were highlighted in yellow, and he reviewed the changes with those present. (attached) Mrs. Beth Kelley asked if the language change regarding offenders would make it easier or harder to serve offenders. Mr. Derrick McDaniel replied that it would make it easier to serve offenders. Ben Arp made the motion to approve the highlighted policy changes. Lynn Rousseau seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McDaniel presented the proposed changes and modifications to the "Youth Committee Goals and Objectives" (attached). Additionally, he suggested continued work on the Goals and objectives. He then presented several areas that were being reviewed, modified, and/or changed:

- Changing "Youth Success Academy" to "Youth Academy" process was almost complete.
- Use a survey such as Survey Monkey to obtain feedback from participants
- Plan Youth Services Conferences or Retreats for participants, providers, etc.
- Develop new initiatives with other agencies and organizations (Youth Build with HUD, Habitat for Humanity, Teen Maze, etc.)
- Working on new branding and the Youth portion of the career depot website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.