

**Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
 Youth Committee Meeting-Noon
 Wednesday, September 8, 2021, Noon
 Via Zoom**

Minutes

<u>Committee Members Present</u>	<u>Committee Members Absent</u>
Ben Arp LaDonna Collins Molly Majestic April Sams Eric Waters	Nancy Edwards Beth Kelley Curtis Kingsley Lynn Rousseau* <u>Guests and Staff Present</u> Karla Conetta Tammy Helbing Erick Hopper Lesia Lambert Cindy Martin Terri Morgan Courtney Rouse Anthony Rucker Caleb Sampson Vince Stalling <i>*resigned</i>

In the absence of Beth Kelley, Chairman, Molly Majestic called the meeting to order. Ms. Majestic informed those present that Minutes from the July 21, 2021 meeting had been emailed (attached). LaDonna Collins made the motion to approve the minutes. April Sams 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 Budget vs Actual, 8/31/2021" (emailed and attached). Lesia Lambert noted that youth program funds had been cut in previous years and continued to be cut. LaDonna Collins made the motion to approve the report. April Sams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Karla Conetta provided a performance report (attached). She noted that the youth providers were exceeding all performance measures with the exception of "Skills Gain," which was at 99.8% of the measure.

Lesia Lambert provided the "Worksource Northwest Georgia Youth End-of-Year Report, July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021" (attached). Ms. Lambert expressed staff's appreciation for the hard work done by the Youth Providers during COVID.

Ms. Lambert gave an update on the local response to the pandemic. She reminded them that our area received approximately \$1.2 million to provide temporary work experience and job training services for individuals who have been impacted by COVID and meets the definition of a dislocated worker.

Erick Hopper, Georgia Northwestern Technical College, gave the Committee information about the Youth Success Academy and coordination with Adult Education services.

Ms. Lambert reminded those present that the next Youth Committee Meeting would take place on November 10, 2021 and that whether the meeting will be virtual or in-person would depend upon the Governor's decision to extend the Order of Emergency. More information will be provided. She also informed the Committee that the Workforce Development Board would next meet virtually on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at Noon, and invited the Committee to attend.

Additionally, Ms. Lambert informed those present that this is an "RFP year." A Request for Proposals for Youth Services will be released in the fall. She encouraged any interested parties to complete a Bidders Checklist. Terri Morgan provided the website address where previous RFPs can be found, along with the Bidders Checklists.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.