

COUNCIL OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS (CCEOs)
of Northwest Georgia
9:00 a.m. -Thursday, April 17, 2013
Calhoun Convention Center, Calhoun, GA
Called Meeting
Minutes

Attendance - CCEO

CCEOs Present or Represented, County:
Jason Winters, Chattooga (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Ted Rumley, Dade
Donna Whitener, Fannin (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Allen Poole, Haralson
Brittany Pittman, Murray
David Austin, Paulding
Robert Jones, Pickens
Bebe Heiskell, Walker (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Mike Babb, Whitfield

CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County
Steve Taylor, Bartow
Joe Barger, Catoosa
Irwin Bagwell, Floyd
Jimmy Palmer, Gordon
Al Hoyle, Gilmer
Jason Ward, Polk

Staff/Guests Present
Gwen Dellinger
Lloyd Frasier
Terri Morgan

I. Welcome

Ted Rumley, Chairman, welcomed the members and opened the meeting. It was determined that a quorum was present.

II. Budget Gwen Dellinger

Gwen Dellinger presented those present with a budget. Robert Jones asked if the Disaster Workforce Development Program disbursed funds directly to the counties. Ms. Dellinger responded that the funds were paid directly to the participant. Mike Babb asked if all funds were received from GOWD. Ms. Dellinger responded that all were received from GOWD with the exception of the NEG funds, which are received from DOL. David Austin asked if staff was waiting on the federal budget to be passed before finalizing a budget. Ms. Dellinger stated that staff knows approximately how much funding is available however, with sequestration in place, staff is unsure how to interpret the cuts. If the cuts for the entire year are made in the first quarter, it may mean furloughing staff. Mike Babb asked if the JoAnne Thurston and Joey Cumbie had assisted with the provided budget. Ms. Dellinger stated that they had. Lloyd Frasier noted that Joey Cumbie is the new Director of Finance for NWGRC. Allen Poole commented that Ms. Dellinger had done a good job and that he appreciated her efforts. Allen Poole made the motion that this budget be approved. Robert Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Contracts Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger presented a request from Georgia Highlands College to approve the Management Development Continuing Education course at a cost of \$1,815. Ms. Dellinger also presented a request from Chattooga Board of Education for two additional apprenticeship slots. This will not increase the contract's total amount. Mike Babb asked if there is an entity that holds Georgia Highlands College accountable for their costs. Ms. Dellinger replied that the Board of Regents governs them. David Austin asked if staff could find out how the Board of Regents determines appropriate cost. Ms. Dellinger stated that we could. Robert Jones made the motion to approve these requests. Allen Poole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Plan Update Gwen Dellinger

Gwen Dellinger informed those present that the State's plan had not yet been approved by the USDOL. She also stated that, once the State's Plan was available, it was anticipated that changes would need to be made to the Local Plan. Some changes were already made due to legislation requiring changes to the Board's composition. Ms. Dellinger also informed those present that changes to support policies may also need to be made depending upon changes in guidelines regarding support payments.

V. Fund Transfer Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger reported that the Disaster Grant is set to expire on April 30, 2013 and the Hospital Grant will expire on June 30, 2013, unless an extension is received. She stated that individuals enrolled in training under these grants are also eligible for Dislocated Worker funds. She asked that the WIB approve a transfer of 30% from Adult to Dislocated Worker funds in order that individuals still enrolled in training could complete their training, if needed. Allen Poole made the motion that staff and Joey Cumbie be given the ability to move funds between funding streams. David Austin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Performance Adjustment Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger stated that a performance adjustment had been requested for the Adult Average 2" and 3" Quarter After Exit Earnings. Staff requested that the measure be lowered to \$12,500 from \$13,500 due to the depressed wages in our area. This request was granted.

VII. Bid for New Company Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger reported that the Governor's Office of Workforce Development had contacted her regarding a possible new company that the state of Georgia was bidding for. They asked if there were incentives that could be provided to this company that would assist in persuading them to locate in the Whitfield/Murray County area. Ms. Dellinger spoke with WIB Chairman, Bruce Bowman and CCEO Chairman, Ted Rumley and it was agreed that WIA could provide \$214,200 in On-the-Job Training funds to support this venture. A total of \$250,000 is requested

to be put aside for next year. GOWD has verbally agreed to match these funds with \$350,000. Ms. Dellinger asked that the WIB endorse this decision. Brittany Pittman stated that this leverage of funds coupled with Quickstart training could be very helpful. Ms. Pittman asked how the funds would be spent. Ms. Dellinger stated that the On-the-Job Training program would be utilized. Robert Jones made the motion to endorse the decision. Mike Babb seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rumley stated that a procedure should be implemented to allow the Chairmen of the WIB and CCEO to approve requests that are made and an answer needed in such a timeframe that calling a meeting is not a viable option. David Austin asked Ms. Dellinger to contact the WIB Director in Baxley (Appling County) to determine if they had a policy or procedure addressing this issue.

VIII. ComplaintGwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger informed those present that the Executive Committee had previously been informed of a complaint by a participant regarding wages received from an OJT provider. The provider was paying the participant in cash and not withholding taxes. The individual wanted additional wages after the training period. That complaint was deemed by the attorney not to be part of the time covered by WIA.

However, an additional complaint has been made verbally by a participant who claims a similar situation occurred during the training period. Ms. Dellinger stated that no new complaint has been received in writing at this time but if it is received, it will be forwarded to the attorney.

Other

Ms. Dellinger presented a nomination from Martha Eaker, Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce, for Jack Killian, Owner, Killian-Clark Partnership, to replace Vance Grant on the WIB. She asked for approval contingent upon the approval of the Catoosa County CCEO. David Austin made the motion to approve, contingent upon the concurrence of Joe Barger, Catoosa County CCEO. Robert Jones seconded.

Ms. Dellinger reminded those present of the Tri-State meeting which will be hosted by the Lowe's Regional Distribution Center in Rome. The cutoff date for RSVPs is April 19, 2013.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Signature of CCEO

Date