LOWER SAVANNAH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 02, 2022 @ 2:00 PM

Orangeburg County Library

LSWDB Members in attendance:	Gary Jones, Pat Black, Jr., Nancy Foster, Tommy Boyleston, Demeterius Smith, Curtis Randolph, Dr. Forest Mahan, Jeanette Murray
LSWDB Members excused:	
LSCOG/WD Staff in attendance:	André Anderson, Megan Helmig, Wendy Mahuron, Sally Sharpe, Nelson Nwachukwu and Nora Sanders
Guests/Visitors:	Dennis Hall (Eckerd Connects), and Charlie Furtick (Eckerd Connect)

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tommy Boyleston called the meeting to order at 2:17 PM.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Boyleston welcomed all attendees and guests.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Anderson conducted roll call. A quorum was not present. Mr. Anderson explained to the board that when a quorum was not present, board members would receive a list of the necessary items to be voted on electronically (via email). In the event that a quorum was achieved by the end of the meeting then we would circle back and vote on those items at that time.

REPORT OF YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING – July 14, 2022

Sally Sharpe provided a Youth Committee update.

- Dr. Renee Ritter called the meeting to order at 10:06am , with Joni McDaniel taking attendance
- Ms. Sharpe spoke on the LSWDB approval of the Demeterius Smith and Jean Rickenbaker to the Youth Committee
- Ms. Sharpe spoke on the success story of one Ms. Kavonia Owens and how she overcame her many barriers to employment and thanks to the WIOA program she has earned excellent grades and is on track to graduate from Denmark-Olar High School she will be pursuing a degree in Pharmaceutical Science in the fall at USC (where she has already been accepted).
- Ms. Sharpe went on to site the effectiveness of the Youth program highlighting that the program served over 187 youth for the program year with WIOA services and employment assistance.
- An update was provided on our Summer Jumpstart program. We received 66 applications across our 6-county region and enrolled 34 participants. All were placed on a paid work-experience

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APPRIOVAL OF LSWDB SECRETARY NOMINEE FOR PY22 WIOA PARTICIPANT SUCCESS STORY PRESENTATION

Mr. Anderson highlights the nomination of Sally Sharpe as the Lower Savannah Workforce Development person of the month. This will be a Board voting item.

APPROVAL OF BOARD SECRETARY for PY 22

Mr. Anderson discussed the nomination of Gary Jones as the board secretary for PY22. This will be a Board voting item.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IT RFP RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Anderson discussed the Executive Committee recommendation for the Lower Savannah IT Request for Proposals scoring has met and scored the proposals for IT services within the Lower Savannah SC Works Centers. This will be a Board voting item

APPROVAL OF SC WORKS CENTER SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL MODIFICATION

Mr. Anderson highlighted an on-going effort to increase job-seeker participation and reduce overhead costs. A service delivery change is being put forth for the Board's consideration. That change would seek to utilize the SC Works Lower Savannah mobile unit in lieu of the brick-and-mortar SC Works locations/centers in Allendale, Bamberg and Calhoun Counties. Included in the discussion were recent cuts to the overall workforce budget and the increasingly decreasing traffic at the centers in question. This will be a Board voting item.

SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR BOARD

- **Financial** – Ms. Helmig referred to the handout and reported out on the LSWDA Financial status.
- **Center Reports** – Mr. Charlie Furtick reported out on SC Works Centers and center traffic.
- **Business Services** – Ms. Mahuron reported on the following:
    - On-the-Job Training
        - 52 OJT contracts
        - 15 companies – manufacturing, real estate, retail, legal, community services
        - Average wage of $18.29/hr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Anderson spoke on the 4th Qtr. Big Picture report touting the professionalism and proficiency of front-line staff through the pandemic and subsequent changes over the last couple of years.
- Mr. Anderson spoke on advertising efforts conducted by WIOA staff and the diversity of examples employed (DMV, Newspapers, Online, etc.) .
- Mr. Anderson spoke on the inclusion of Occupational Skills Training (classroom training) dollars in annual reporting and how this inclusion provides a better picture of the service workforce development provides to job seekers and employers across the region .
- Mr. Anderson spoke on the WLTX news broadcast highlighting our use of the mobile unit.
- Additionally, he highlighted a couple of examples of regionalism at work for the region in working with Lowcountry (Regional Business Liaison) and Central Midlands (SCWOS Coordinator) Workforce Regions on personnel acquisition/issues.

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OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 3:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andre Anderson for

Gary Jones
Lower Savannah Workforce Development Board SECRETARY

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