LOWER SAVANNAH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

LSWDB Members in attendance:	Gary Jones, Tameka Johnson, Kenisha Grimes, Tiiu Goode, Dr. Renee Ritter, Jeanette Murray, Dee Crawford, Dr. Dorian Newton, Curtis Randolph, Tommy Boyleston, Pat Black Jr, Dr. Forest Mahan, Demeterius Smith,
LSWDB Members excused:	Darainey Hudson, Nancy Foster, Will Reynolds, Dee Crawford, Kim Williams-Griffin, Catie McCauley
LSWDB Members not present:	Kristie Hutson,
LSCOG/WD Staff in attendance:	André Anderson, Wendy Mahuron, Sally Sharpe, Marby Hicks, Zach Matthews, William Molnar
Guests/Visitors:	Alicia Jimenez (Eckerd Connects), Julian Butts,

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gary Jones called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Jones welcomed all attendees and guests.

ROLL CALL

Andre Anderson conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

BOARD APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Jones asked the Workforce Board for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Pat Black and seconded by Ms. Kenisha Grimes. The meeting agenda was approved without additions/corrections.

BOARD APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – February 6, 2024

Mr. Jones asked the Workforce Board for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 6, 2024. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Black and seconded by Ms. Tiiu Goode. The meeting minutes were approved with no corrections needed.

REPORT OUT OF SOUTHEASTERN EDUCATION AND TRAINING ASSOCIATION (SETA) CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Sally Sharpe spoke on the 47 workshops offered at the SETA Conference in Cherokee NC. Ms. Sharpe focuses on workshops that shared strong partnerships and collaboration efforts. She also spoke on Atlanta Ga, Youth Workforce program funded through the use of grants to eliminate duplication and increase public investment in Youth outcomes. Wendy Mahuron Spoke on sessions she attended addressing Re-entry (ex. Proud Grant).

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REPORT OF SC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING – April 4, 2024

Sally Sharpe provided the Board with the SC Works Standing Committee update and a recap of the Committee's roles and purposes. She also recapped the information shared by Charlie Furtick (SC Works Operator) concerning traffic in the centers.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Jones asked the Board to vote on the approval of a new addition to the SC Works Committee. The nominee was Chad Crumbaker who is presently the Vice-President of Academic and Student Affairs (Aiken Technical College)

A motion for approval was made by Jeanette Murray and seconded Tiiu Goode. Mr. Crumbaker was approved for the Lower Savannah SC Works Committee.

WIOA SUCCESS STORY

Mr. Jerome Simmons informed the Workforce Board of his experience with reemployment and the WIOA program. The video of Mr. Simmons journey in his own words would not play during the meeting. Mr. Anderson paraphrase his story for the Board and sent out the video as an e-mail attachment. He strongly encourage the Board to play the excerpt so they could hear Mr. Simmons remarkable story for themselves.

APPROVAL OF NEW PALMETTO ACADEMIC TRAINING HUB (PATH) TRAINING PROVIDERS FOR THE LOWER SAVANNAH REGION

André Anderson discussed with the board the entities that have submitted applications to be included as a training provider for the region. Please see attachment. These organizations were as follows:

- SAGE Truck Driving School (CDL A Refresher)
- Palmetto Medical Coding (Medical Coding, Medical Asst. Training)
- Solar United National (Clean Energy)

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Black and seconded by Jeanette Murray. The above listed training providers were approved for training in the Lower Savannah Region.

SPECIALIZED REPORTS FOR BOARD

Were provided by:

Marby Hicks – LSWDB Financial Update

- Ms. Hicks provided the board with an update of the LSWDB Financial Outlook as of March 31, 2024. Mr. Anderson expounded on the process of the funding and how we are looking for additional sources of funding to help us provide quality WD services in a time when these Federal resources are becoming more scarce.

Charlie Furtick – Center Reports

- Mr. Furtick provided the board an update of the traffic patterns associated with SC Works centers and statistics from each. Ultimately, over 7500 served for the 3rd quarter.

Wendy Mahuron – Business Services

- Ms. Mahuron provided the board with Business Service updates including 34 OJT contracts for total PY23 to date with an average wage of $20.02/hr. Also, for the PY23 3rd

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quarter, the mobile unit made 26 stops with 102 visitors. She spoke on the local tour of Autoneum and a brief history of the company.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Anderson provided updates to the board on several topics.

- Mr. Anderson provided updates for the Big Picture Report 3nd Quarter including the increased traction at the SC Work Centers and WIOA specific visitors and exceeded mandated measures in all categories for 2nd quarter PY23. He also mentioned a USDOL initiative to place access points at the HCBUs in South Carolina (particular in the Lower Savannah Region)
- Mr. Anderson provided updates on the MOU-IFA Negotiations. He stated the negotiations went very well.
- Mr. Anderson discussed and provided the board with the update on the region's upcoming Youth Hire events in both Aiken and Orangeburg.
- Mr. Anderson provided the board with an update on Nelson Nwachukwu employment status change. Mr. Nwachukwu is no longer in the Workforce Division though he is still employed at the COG.
- Mr. Anderson informed the board that proposals have been received for the PY24 Service provider RFP released in early February 2024
- Mr. Anderson informed the board that they would be receiving the Mobile Unit Calendar for the Month of May within the week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WDB Meetings Next WDB meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2024

Committee Meetings	Youth	May 09, 2024, 10AM
	Disabilities	May 28, 2024, 2PM- Virtual

OPEN DISCUSSION

No open discussion was had at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andre Anderson for

The Lower Savannah Workforce Development Board SECRETARY

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