

**East Central Georgia Consortium
Workforce Investment Board
Tuesday, February 04, 2014 @ 5:30 PM**

Meeting Minutes

WIB Attendees

LaTunya Goodwin, Chairperson
Jesse Mitchell
Wanda Jordan
Morris Beard
Dorothy Parrish
Dorothy Glisson
Ginger Carrington
Andy Calhoun
Anthony Griswell
Janie Cravens
Lauri Tuten – Dale Arnold
Mike Boardman

ECGC Staff

Leon Fields, Director
Pecola Wiley
Vivian Stewart
Sue Richards
Mary Stein
Sondra Randall
Karen Abron
Wanda Stewart

Guests

Georgia Parrish – Screven County
Lagaile Jones – Augusta Technical College
Alvin Banks – Augusta Warrior Project
Helen Reddick – Screven County

Welcome/Opening

LaTunya Goodwin, Chairperson of WIB welcomed everyone.

Invocation

Leon Fields, Director

Call To Order

Chairperson Goodwin called the meeting to order.

Review/Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Goodwin presented the minutes from February 04, 2014, for approval.

Karen Abron stated that the amount for the lifetime limit should be included in the minutes. Therefore a correction will be made to the minutes stating that the lifetime limit is been changed from \$6000 to \$8000. Wanda Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike Boardman seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion carried.

Introduction of New Partner Agency

Leon Fields introduced Alvin Banks from the Wounded Warrior Project. Mr. Banks stated that he assists veterans and he further explained his duties and purpose.

Offender Workforce Development and Employment Training Programs:

Leon Fields informed the board that the OJT and WEX Programs are doing well and that Dislocated Worker funding is still available for these programs.

One Stop Report

Karen Abron provided a report for the board members to review and asked if there were any questions that need to be addressed.

Youth Council Report

Pecola Wiley stated that we are currently serving 117 youth participants through our nine youth sub-recipients contracts. In November, an eligibility review was completed and also in December data validation was completed and there were no findings.

Education Department Report

Vivian Stewart provided the following update on the WorkKeys assessments and the Learning Center:

- A report was provided for the Education Department.
- We had nine participants who successfully obtained their GED.
- We continue to administer the WorkKeys assessment.
- Nine participants in the Medical Bridge Program successfully graduated.

Finance Report

Sondra Randall provided a copy of the estimated budget and expenditures for December 2013 for the board to review. Ms Randall further stated that all adult funding has been allocated and the annual audit was completed with no findings.

Directors Report

Leon Fields, Director provided the following update:

- Monitoring and Data Validation had no findings.
- The Governor's Office is moving under Economic Development.
- We are unsure about performance because of the new system (GEO Solutions)
- Everything programmatic is going well.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mary Stein stated that the executive committee has already voted on the youth contract modification and the youth RFP due to the fact that the original WIB meeting was cancelled because to the weather. Ginger Carrington explained that Washington County asked for a modification to their contract due to a decrease in the number of participants.

Leon Fields asked the board to approve for income eligibility to be waived for the employment programs, in order to serve more people. After further discussion Dorothy Glisson made a motion for the income eligibility to be waived for the employment programs and Dorothy Parrish seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

Mr. Fields requested for a Non-Bridge Program which mirrors the Medical Bridge. This program would also eliminate income eligibility. After further Mike Boardman made a motion to approve a Non-Bridge Program and Anthony Griswell seconded. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

Adjournment

Chairperson Goodwin called for adjournment.