

**East Central Georgia Consortium  
Workforce Investment Board  
Tuesday, October 28, 2014 @ 5:30 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**WIB Attendees**

LaTunya Goodwin, Chairperson  
Joe Gore – Lloyd Horden  
Carolyn Reynolds  
Lauri Tuten – Dale Arnold  
Morris Beard  
Van Langham  
Jeff Rice  
Jesse Mitchell  
Wanda Jordan  
Lisa Stich  
Julie Langham  
Ginger Carrington

**ECGC Staff**

Leon Fields, Director  
Mary Stein  
Karen Abron  
Sondra Randall  
Wanda Stewart  
Vivian Stewart  
Pecola Wiley  
Carrie Lokey

**Guests**

Ruby James – Exousia Marketing Group  
Nicolas James – Exousia Marketing Group  
Alvin Banks – Augusta Warrior Project

**Welcome/Opening**

Ginger Carrington welcomed everyone.

**Invocation**

Jesse Mitchell

**Call To Order**

Chairperson Goodwin called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

**Review/Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Goodwin presented the minutes from July 22, 2014, for approval. Jesse Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes and Van Langham seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

**Employment Training Programs:**

Carrie Lokey provided a report for the board members to review and asked if there were any questions that needed to be addressed.

### **Education Department Report**

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

- Our Learning Center offers tutoring for the GED Exam.
- There were 284 visits to our Learning Center.
- The Medical Bridge Program continues to be a success.
- We continue to administer the Work Keys & TABE assessment.

### **One Stop Report**

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

### **Youth Council Report**

Pecola Wiley stated that we are currently have 88 active youth participants. Eleven contracts were awarded but two counties withdrew. The performance rate for PY13 – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & Youth Council minutes were included in the report.

### **Directors Report**

Leon Fields, Director provided the following update:

- WIA will now be WIOA
- WIOA is looking for Pre-Apprenticeship Programs
- WIOA wants youth and older individuals to be trained for a skill
- With WIOA 75 % of youth funding has to be spent on OSY and 25% ISY.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

Ginger Carrington stated that a change to the youth policy has taken place due to a finding from the state. We are appealing and asking for this finding to be removed and changed to an observation. The state replied that we were in violation of our own policy. ECGC youth policy states that we will not give incentives for attendance. The structure of the provider's program was not set-up for attendance incentives. At the time their report was submitted it stated that it was based on attendance. The policy was changed to reflect if the word attendance is used it specifically states "attendance is where the youth are able to demonstrate via pre or post-test knowledge that was gained from the exposure. Mrs. Carrington asked the board to approve the change made to the youth policy. Carolyn Reynolds made a motion to accept the policy change and Jesse Mitchell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

Carrie Lokey presented the board with two Incumbent Worker Proposals. Ms. Lokey stated that she prepared the proposals separately because the state may not approve both. The first proposal is with the City of Washington for the Accounting Coordinator, at a cost of \$836.00. The training will take place at The University of Georgia. A certification in Local Government Finance Office (Level I & II) is required for this position. The individual is halfway through the first level and is requesting for ECGC to provide funding for the remainder of this course. Her

job will end, if she doesn't pass these classes. Ms. Lokey is asking for the board's approval. Jesse Mitchell made a motion to approve this training for the Accounting Coordinator and Morris Beard seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

Ms. Lokey presented the second proposal to the board, which would also be with the City of Washington, for the position of City Administrator. This position requires a four year Bachelors' Degree. The individual has a two year Associates Degree but the city gave her this position, pending her successful completion of the additional two years. The cost will be \$12,170.00 at Troy State University. She is not eligible for financial aid due to her household income. There was some further discussion about the position and cost for the training. Carolyn Reynolds made a motion to approve training for the City Administrator and Morris Beard seconded the motion. Chairperson Goodwin asked for a hand vote. Due to more discussion, there was a request for a re-vote. Chairperson Goodwin presented the board with an option to table the vote pending further information. Ginger Carrington made a motion to table the vote and Julie Langham seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

Leon Fields stated that we're awaiting further information concerning the MC-3 Program, therefore it will not be discussed at this time.

### **Adjournment**

Chairperson Goodwin adjourned the meeting.