East Central Georgia Consortium  
Workforce Investment Board  
Tuesday, July 22, 2014 @ 5:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

WIB Attendees  
LaTunya Goodwin, Chairperson  
Ginger Carrington  
Carolyn Reynolds  
William Irwin  
Sarah Newton (Riley)  
Van Langham  
Andy Calhoun  
Jesse Mitchell  
Mike Boardman  
Janie Craven  
Julie Langham  
Brian Henderson

ECGC Staff  
Leon Fields, Director  
Mary Stein  
Karen Abron  
Sondra Randall  
Wanda Stewart  
Vivian Stewart

Guests  
Robbie Bennett – Dev. Auth. Columbia County  
Joe Gore – Oconee Fall Line Technical College  
Alvin Banks – Augusta Warrior Project

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 April 22, 2014, for approval. Ginger Carrington made a motion to approve the minutes and Jesse Mitchell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried.
Employment Training Programs:
Leon Fields presented the board with three changes to the OJT/WEX policy. Mr. Fields asked the board for a vote on the following changes.

- OJT assignment must be a minimum of 30 hours per week because anything less is not consistent with self-sufficiency.
- OJT/WEX for a waiter/waitress is not a good outlay of money because if he/she receives tips, that money can’t be assessed.
- Customized/Incumbent Worker Training for an individual that isn’t full-time leads to a contract employee, therefore, the outcome of this situation is not good for WIA.

Van Langham asked considering that they hire roofers and their work depends on the weather, will the minimum of 30 hours per week be over a period of time. Mr. Fields stated that it will be over a period of time. After some discussion, Carolyn Reynolds made a motion to approve the changes for the OJT/WEX policy and Andy Calhoun seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

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.
- The Medical Bridge Program continues to be a success.
- We continue to administer the Work Keys & TABE assessment.

Finance Report
Sondra Randall provided a report to show spending as of June 30, 2014. Ms. Randall explained that any remaining funding will carry over to the new program year.

Directors Report
Leon Fields, Director provided the following update:

- New name Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Updating our local plan
- We will be known locally as Workforce Division of Ga. Dept. of Economic Development
- Performance was not met because some individuals were exited due to lack of contact.
- Effective July 1, 2014, we have less employees.
- DOL will be joining us.
Old Business
Chairperson stated that we have some old business to address concerning Jefferson County Community SHIPS’ youth contract.

Mary Stein stated that Jefferson County had a few issues that had to be resolved. We have spoken with the Governor’s office and also conducted several meetings with the youth provider. Mrs. Stein stated that we are confident that Jefferson County Community SHIPS will conduct their program effectively. Mary asked the board to vote for Jefferson SHIPS youth contract. Mike Boardman asked how they performed with their past contract. Mrs. Stein replied that there were some issues in the past and their contract was cancelled. Currently they have a new director and we are certain things will be better. William Irwin made a motion to approve Jefferson County and Carolyn Reynolds seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried.

New Business
Chairperson Goodwin asked the board for a vote to approve Lisa Stich as a new WIB member. Janie Craven made a motion to approve Mrs. Stich and Van Langham seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried.

Adjournment
Chairperson Goodwin adjourned the meeting.