



Local Workforce Development Board Meeting WorkSource East Central Georgia February 27, 2024 | 5:30pm

Attendance:

<u>LWDB Attendees:</u>	<u>WorkSource ECGC Staff:</u>
1. Jeff Brown	Titta Bland
2. Ginger Carrington – Chair	Mary Lowe
3. Kimberly David	Vivian Stewart
4. Anthony Griswell	Pecola Wiley
5. Donald Kelley	La Tunya Goodwin – Director
6. Julie Langham	<u>WorkSource ECGC Staff Virtual:</u>
7. Julie Miller	Alvin Banks
8. Sarah Newton	Barbie Hill
9. Janet Parker	Katrina Tillman
10. Ted Reid	Adrienne Williams
<u>LWDB Virtual Attendees:</u>	<u>Sector Partnership:</u>
Kimberly Woodruff	Randy Barrs
	<u>One Stop:</u>
	Regina Carter-Gilliam
<u>Guest(s):</u>	
James Thomas - TCSG	Latrisha Sims – Legacy Link
	Alicia Finnel - Wilkes Family Connections
	Renee Januski – ES-TCSG

Invocation – Anthony Griswell

Call to Order - Ginger Carrington – Chair

Roll Call/Quorum – A quorum was present.

Acknowledgement of Guests

Letrisha Sims – Legacy Link, Alicia Fennel – Family Connection

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Board Chair Carrington called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the December 5, 2023. The meeting summary was presented. Director Goodwin asked that this agenda item be tabled until next meeting with the full minutes.

LWDB Reports

- ▶ Adult/DW/QUEST -Vivian Stewart presented a summary report of 1st and 2nd quarters of program year 2023.

REGISTRANTS	ADULT	DW / QUEST	FOLLOW-UP
163	26	36	
INQUIRIES	ALLOCATED	ALLOCATED	
341	\$68,637	\$67,665	134

- ▶ Youth – Pecola Wiley presented a summary of 2nd quarter of program year 2023. Of the 6 youth service providers there were a total of 108 youth participants being served. The number of active participants is 69 and the number of participants in follow up status is 39. All program performance measures are being met. The approved budget for youth is \$180,000 to serve 60 new participants. As of January 31st, all services were put on hold until a new fiscal agent is in place to release funds. Despite this hold, the required 20% work experience has been met.
- ▶ One Stop – Regina Carter-Gilliam gave an update of the 1st and 2nd Quarterly Partner meetings as well as attendance for several community events. For PY23 from July – December there was a total of 323 partners’ referrals.
- ▶ Sector Partnerships Grant – Randy Barrs leads this grant that is based on capacity building for Region 7, which includes both Area 13 - East Central and Area 12 – CSRA. Under this grant, ECGC is heavily involved with Project Refresh servicing the homeless population. With this initiative Project Refresh provides mobile showers, clean clothes, food, barber shops for both men and women, and also medical attention. Activities are held at the Richmond County Department of Public Health.

Another project in the planning phase is a Reentry Conference that will take place in about another month. Our One-Stop Coordinator and the Sector Partnership grant efforts in planning this conference will highlight the untapped talent of the re-entry workforce. Employers can greatly learn more about this population of job seekers and their needs to enter employment as they oftentimes get overlooked because of their backgrounds.

Old Business

The new Fiscal Agent for WorkSource East Central Georgia will become Warren County Board of Commissioners. Lincoln County Board of Commissioners resigned as WSECG’S fiscal agent as of January 31, 2024. Warren County and TCSG are in the process of completing the fiscal agreement. An exact start date of the new Fiscal Agent is unknown.

Ginger Carrington, Chair, publicly apologized to La Tunya Goodwin for the turmoil endured over the last year, exactly 1 year ago today. From this day forward, Chair Ginger Carrington, expressed that we can go back to some normalcy of doing the business of workforce that Area 13 has been known to do so well.

Desktop review for monitoring is approaching quickly. TCSG monitoring will begin on April 8, 2024.

New Business/Action Items

There has been an unofficial notice that DOL will end their One Stop operations by February 29th which could potentially put us as not having a One Stop operator. Since the One Stop contract is up for an RFP (Request for Proposal) coming this year (July 1) it is time for us to seek proposals for a One Stop Operator anyway.

Ginger Carrington asked for a motion. Julie Miller made a motion to the board to allow staff to seek an outside entity to procure a One Stop Operator RFP. Ted Reid seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Comments/Updates

Employment updates given by all and well as upcoming events that will be happening in the next couple of months.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Ginger Carrington called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie Miller made a motion to adjourn and Ted Reid seconded. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.