

**WorkSource East Central Georgia
Local Workforce Development Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 23, 2018 @ 5:30 PM**

Meeting Minutes

WDB Attendees

Donna Kerr, Chairperson
Dixie Morris
Adela Kelley
Anthony Griswell
Ginger Carrington
Carolyn Reynolds
Wylene Thorpe
Wanda Jordan
Kimberly Hawkins
Jade Morey
Jeffery Brown
Kim David
Brian Henderson
Sarah Newton
Bob Kepshire
Chris Bodine
Carrie Edwards

Guests

Sharon DuBoes
Chris McCorkle

Invocation

Al Lamar, WDB member

Call To Order

Chairperson, Donna Kerr called the meeting to order.

Review/Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Kerr presented the minutes from July 24, 2018, for approval and the correction of the 5th paragraph to be noted that the name is Carrie - not Carried Lokey. Carolyn Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Ginger Carrington seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

WorkSource East Central Georgia Staff

LaTunya Goodwin, Director
Vivian Stewart
Sue Richards
Sondra Randall
Wanda Stewart
Damion Dawson
Barbie Hill
Pecola Wiley

WorkSource East Central Georgia Dept. Reports

WSECG Staff provided the board with Department reports and asked if they had any questions.

New Business

Chairperson Kerr asked each board member to review the packet for **“Other Criteria”** in the Business Services Policy and to consider striking the 1st paragraph and to amend the policy on Incumbent Training.

Director Goodwin requested the board amend business services policy. In the pass the board voted to approve all Incumbent Worker Training (IWT), however through communications with other directors across the state the IWT training is approved internally by the local Director. We are requesting the board to consider striking the criteria crafted in this policy about bringing all IWT contracts to the board and let it be approved internally by the Director. For transparency our commitment to the board will always be to bring the amount of funds spent and who it is spent on to the board. Donna stated instead of voting every time we have an IWT contract, you will still get a report with the ability to impact any decisions, the board will not have to schedule a meeting to vote on every contract.

Also, in the 3rd paragraph highlighted in yellow will now be submitted to TCSG as of effective July 1, 2018. Info will go to the Technical College System of Georgia and not to GDOL.

Motion made to amend the Incumbent Training policy by Anthony Griswell and second by Bob Kepshire.

Chairperson Kerr stated next action required is under Additions (Industrial Workplace Fundamental Course) to ETPL for OFTC. Director Goodwin and Kim David of OFTC both explained that this is to add a program called Workplace Fundamental Course which is very similar to other manufacturing ready courses in the Technical Colleges thru out the state. The pilot program will be housed at the OFTC Dublin campus and then to the Sandersville campus in spring 2019. A motion made by WDB member, Ginger Carrington and second by Jeff Brown.

Chairperson Kerr stated next action is the Updated In-Demand List and to amend the list if needed. Vivian stated that the In Demand List will be on our website and is see any changes to let her know. Bob Kepshire recommended to add EMT- Emergency Medical Technicians. Motion made by Carrie Edwards and seconded by Chris Bodine.

Chairperson Kerr said final vote is for Region 7 Plan Update which will be on the local ECG website with modified changes and for the review of the LWDB. A motion made by Carolyn Reynolds and second by Carrie Edwards.

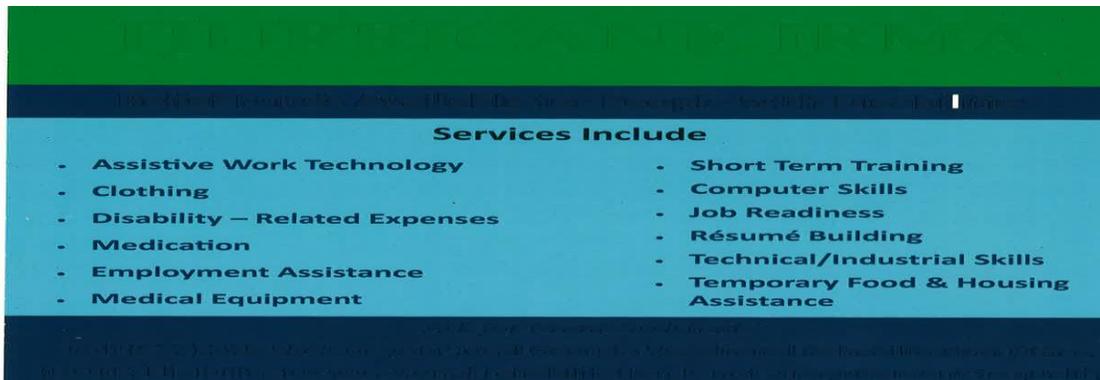
HIGH DEMAND CAREER INITIATIVE (HDCI) UPDATE

Sharon DuBose

Sharon gave a summary that staff have been hired and trained. She and LaTunya traveled to Lagrange to see how the HDCI grant was progressing there and how we can follow their best practices, lessons learned and how to move forward with our HDCI grant in the Advanced Manufacturing industry.

Discussion and Updates:

Dixie Morris, with GVRA mentioned that there still is Hurricane Irma state wide grant relief funds available for People with Disabilities in certain parts of Ga. from last year- none yet for Hurricane Michael. If know of anyone they need to contact their local GVRA office or call 1-877-245-542.



Ginger Carrington, with DOL stated numerous job openings in the CSRA and many in the high demand areas. Other LWDB members mentioned of their own job openings they had such as entry level and some skilled workers needed, plus shortage of Nurses.

Brian Henderson told the LWDB members that logging companies do have a shortage of drivers and he was having insurance issues with getting logging truck drivers that qualified. They must be 25 and have 3 years' experience to hire to keep his insurance reasonable. He knew of another Logger that his insurance was \$8,000 a year and gone to \$28,000. And someone said that he knew of logging trucks sitting empty due to this issue and some owner/operators have gone to work for other trucking companies due to this and no longer are self-employed operators.

Kim David of OFTC said she would look at their curriculum and see what the endorsement for log trucks were.

Director Goodwin mentioned a possible career fair in the future and said that Legacy Links will hire to provide useful part-time community service assignments for persons with low incomes who are 55 years old or older.

Chairperson Kerr thanked everyone for the discussion and updates.

Adjournment

Chairperson Kerr adjourned the meeting.