

**East Central Georgia Consortium
Workforce Investment Board
Tuesday, April 28, 2015 @ 5:30 PM**

Meeting Minutes

WIB Attendees

LaTunya Goodwin, Chairperson
Mike Boardman
Jeff Rice
Brian Henderson
Morris Beard
Riley Stamey
Julie Langham
Carolyn Reynolds
Sarah (Riley) Newton
Wanda Jordan
Jesse Mitchell
William Irwin
Ruby James
Janie Cravens

ECGC Staff Attendees

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

CEO Attendees

H. Wade Johnson, Chairman
Frank Simmons, Jr.
Jimmy Andrews
Audrey Chalker
Horace Daniels
Sistie Hudson

Guests

Alvin Banks, Augusta Warrior Project
Olin Martin, National Guard
Lagaile Jones, Augusta Technical College
Kendall Chalker, Glascock County
SSG David Nash, National Guard
Charlene Sizemore, Workforce Capital
Wanda Davis, Glascock County Family Connection
Robert Hudson, Hancock County
Deborah Eason, New Beginnings, LLC.

Call To Order

Chairperson Goodwin called the meeting to order.

Review/Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Goodwin presented the minutes from January 27, 2015 for approval. Frank Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike Boardman seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

Employment Training Programs:

Carrie Lokey provided a training and employment report. There were four participants enrolled in OJT and one participant for WEX. Three participants completed OJT and WEX successfully. Ms. Lokey also presented a performance report and explained the information shown. She informed the board that we are exceeding.

One Stop Report

Karen Abron provided a One Stop activity report for the board members to review. Mrs. Abron also presented an occupational skills report for the 1st quarter (Jan 01, - March 31, 2015). Fifteen participants were enrolled and \$120,000 was allocated in the budget.

Youth Council Report

Pecola Wiley stated that we currently have eight Youth Service Providers, and 100 active participants. The number of participants has decreased by three, ending the 3rd quarter. Performance Rates for PY14 – 3rd quarter are exceeding. Mrs. Wiley further explained that the Corrective Action has been resolved with a settlement of \$2500 for youth incentive disallowed cost. Jefferson County SHIPS for Youth contract has been cancelled, due to financial instability.

Under the new law there will no longer be a Youth Council Committee. They will be a Standing Youth Committee.

Chairperson Goodwin gave the board an overview of WIOA.

Education Department Report

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

- We have a retired teacher on staff, who prepares individuals for the GED exam
- The Medical Bridge Program continues to be a success. We have a 100% employment rate for all of our RN's.
- We continue to administer the Work Keys & TABE assessments.
- Our computer lab is available to our partner agencies.

Financial Report

Sondra Randall provided the board with a report of actual expenditures through March 2015. She asked if there were any questions regarding the information.

Chairperson Goodwin announced that Vice Chairman Mike Boardman will now facilitate the remaining portion of this meeting.

Comments/Updates

Leon Fields, Director stated that the transition to WIOA is ongoing. We continue to exceed in performance. There is funding still available to serve individuals, in our counties.

Old Business

Vivian Stewart stated that Oconee Fall Line Technical College was interested in testing under ECGC's license. After further research, OFTC no longer needs this service

New Business

Staff Sargent Nash, gave a presentation on outline of the National Guard. He addressed questions from the board members.

Karen Abron introduced Deborah Eason, CEO (New Beginnings Medical Services, LLC). Ms. Eason presented her program to the board. She explained that her certification is in demand with medical providers. Contracts are done with the providers based on their needs, such as electronic health records, medical administration and billing & coding certifications. The training course lasts for twelve weeks and internship is included. The total cost is \$2800, which includes certification exam, books, training and internship. They also work with individuals who want to bill and code from home. Mr. Boardman asked for the location of her office. Ms. Eason stated that her business is on Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, Georgia. Mrs. Abron explained that this is a mobile program, as long as computers are available. She further explained the process of having New Beginnings added to the EPL and the information is open for the board to review. Mr. Boardman asked Mrs. Abron what is her recommendation for this program. Mrs. Abron stated that she agrees that Ms. Eason's program should be approved. Karen also informed the board that Medical Coding is going from ICD9 to ICD10, which is a HIPPA requirement and Ms. Eason offers this training. Janie Craven asked does she place participants in employment. Ms. Eason stated she does interns and negotiates the participant to the provider. After further discussion Vice Chairman Boardman asked for a motion to approve New Beginnings Medical Services. Horace Daniels made a motion and Carolyn Reynolds seconded. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

Carrie Lokey is asking for OJT reimbursement to increase from 50% to 75% for businesses with 50 or less employees, when training is done in one of the sector strategies. After further discussion, Vice Chairman Boardman asked for a motion. Jimmy Andrews made a motion and Frank Simmons seconded. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

Ms. Lokey further asked for the board's approval to eliminate working with daycares, regarding OJT and WEX. Daycares reflect badly on our performance. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Boardman asked for a motion. Horace Daniels made a motion and Frank Simmons seconded. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

Leon Fields announced that we are following through with getting our One Stop Certification. Mr. Fields further stated that we are interested in Alvin Banks being a member of the WIB.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Boardman adjourned the meeting.