

MINUTES
HEART OF GEORGIA ALTAMAHA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
June 8, 2021

The Heart of Georgia Altamaha Workforce Development Board of Service Delivery Region 9 met Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Bennett	Carolyn Blackshear
Rochelle Culver	Kim Edge
Ashley Googe	Brian Hamilton
Tim Herrington	Dr. Margaret Hightower
Dr. Hank Hobbs	Michelle Johnson
Mac Jordan	Dr. Martha McBride
Mel Powell	Clay Reid
Joe Sikes	Marshall Smith
Ted Buford	Bobby Cox
Lisa Livingston	Doug Rooks
Roy Selph	Billy Trapnell
Jason Whitlow	Dr. Barry Dotson
Dr. Paul Scott	George Milligan
Alfred Wheeler	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janice O'Brien	Tamra Wells
Meddy Settles	Gabriela Munoz
John Turner	Lee Radney
Roger Branch	John Crowe
Desse Davis	Debbie Dyal
Ryan Waldrep	Nolan Thigpen
Guy Singletary	

GUESTS

Jeff Floyd, City of Alamo
Ana Delgado, Telamon Corporation

STAFF

Keith Dixon	
Sandy Bunton	Alex Clements
Alexis Eason	Delores Kesler
Allie Williams	Brett Manning

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order. The WDB had a quorum of 27 members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marshall Smith made a motion seconded by Bobby Cox to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021, Workforce Development Board Meeting. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

Chair Jordan introduced guest Jeff Floyd with the City of Alamo and guest Ana Delgado with Telamon Corporation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Keith stated the area is straining to find people to go to work. He stated that employers are offering hiring bonuses and still cannot find employees to hire. Businesses are having to adjust their hours due to not having employees to work. He stated that with the Covid Grant, we were able to put over 200 participants in training. We also put some participants on work experience. He stated that the PY21 grants were cut by 18%, but there is a bill in motion to get the WIOA funds to where it was in 2019. He stated that when WIOA is reauthorized, which will be in the next year, we may be looking at a name change. He stated that a lot of costs would come with the name change due to having to change everything that has WIOA on it. He stated that the budget is very tight due to having to stretch it for 14 months. He stated that due to the budget, some of the one-stops would be relocating. The traffic has not been heavy within the offices. He referred the WDB to the list of one-stops in their packets.

ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Hank Hobbs stated that he was glad to see everyone, and a quorum was present.

BUDGET AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Paul Scott stated that the Budget and Evaluation Committee would like to make a motion to approve the PY21 Projected Budget. Seconded by Hank Hobbs. Motion Carries.

Dr. Paul Scott stated that the Budget and Evaluation Committee would like to make a motion to approve Savannah Aviation's Commercial Pilot – Multi-Engine Add-on program to the eligible training provider list. Seconded by Rochelle Culver. Motion Carries.

Dr. Paul Scott stated that the contract to operate the Comprehensive One-Stop can be rolled over for one more year. This is the last year we can operate as a One-stop operator without sending out an RFP. He stated that the Budget and Evaluation Committee would like to allow the Comprehensive One-Stop operator contract to be extended one-stop. Seconded by Bobby Cox. Motion Carries.

ONE-STOP COMMITTEE

Billy Trapnell stated that all One-Stops are open to serve customers. The Dublin DOL has not

opened, but the customers are being served at the Oconee Fall Line Technical College in the DuBose Porter Building. Every county is being served. A current listing of all one-stops is in the WDB packets. Some of the locations have moved.

PLAN AND PROGRAM REVIEW

Tim referred the WDB members to the Customer Count Report. He requested that the WDB members look at the numbers served in their county. He stated that the total number being served is 13,072. He stated that the report has two sections: training services, and business services. The total number of training services customers being served is 1,053, and the total number of business services customers being served is 12,019. He commended the staff for their hard work.

Tim referred the WDB to the annual - PY20 Performance- Percent of Plan Achieved report. He stated that our region exceeded the planned performance for the year. He commended the staff for their hard work.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Rochelle Culver stated that the Job Training Unlimited staff participated in the following events:

March 17th & 31st- Job Training Unlimited hosted a hiring event for PH Tech at their location in Swainsboro.

April 4th- Staff attended and participated in a job fair at Ogeechee Technical College in Statesboro.

April 30th- Job Training Unlimited hosted a job fair for Hotset America at their location in Swainsboro.

Job Training Unlimited staff participated virtually in family connections meetings, chamber meetings, and other collaborative meetings.

Upcoming Events

June 23rd- Job Training Unlimited will be attending and participating in a Job Fair at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia.

June 29th- Job Training Unlimited will be hosting a career fair for Great Dane at the Evans County One-Stop.

June 30th- Job Training Unlimited will be hosting a career fair for Great Dane at the Candler County One-Stop.

July 21st- Job Training Unlimited will be co-hosting a Job Fair with Oconee Fall Line Technical College in Dublin.

UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT

Keith stated that the state unemployment rate is only running at about 4.5%. This number is the people looking for jobs and receiving benefits.

RC REPORT

Brett Manning stated that the RC just submitted for 14 local governments to receive water improvements, street improvements, community affairs, etc. He stated that several funds were requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Allie Williams

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