

MINUTES
HEART OF GEORGIA ALTAMAHA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
June 12, 2018

The Heart of Georgia Altamaha Workforce Development Board of Service Delivery Region 9 met Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at Chatters Restaurant, Vidalia, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Bennett	Carolyn Blackshear
Roger Branch	David Brown
Keith Carter	Rochelle Culver
Russell Davidson	Kimberly Edge
Michael Estes	Wayne Hall
Tim Herrington	Mac Jordan
Martha McBride	Janice O'Brien
John Roller	Joe Sikes
Ted Buford	Bobby Cox
Roy Selph	Dr. Margaret Hightower
Doug Rooks	Ramona Thurman
Billy Trapnell	John Turner
Jason Whitlow	Dr. Barry Dotson
Dr. Paul Scott	Roy Williams
Stephanie Woods	Joseph Filippone
Debbie Dyal	George Milligan
Bobby Peacock	

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Cray	Desse Davis
Dr. Hank Hobbs	Michelle Johnson
Marshall Smith	Tamra Wells
Meddy Settles	Linda Hunter
Guy Singletary	Ryan Waldrep

GUESTS

Antonia Frawley, Coastal Pines Technical College Adult Education
Barbara Ault, Legacy Link
Robin Cone, Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
April McDuffie, Wiregrass Technical College
Deirdra Miller, Wiregrass Technical College
Bobby Smith, MidCoast Aviation Services

STAFF

Keith Dixon
Alexis Eason
Sandy Bunton
Patty Griffin
Allie Williams
Shane Braly

Alex Clements
Delores Kesler
Janice Jones
Brett Manning

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order. The WDB had a quorum of 33 members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe Filippone made a motion seconded by Joe Sikes to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018, Workforce Development Board Meeting. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

Chair Jordan introduced Antonia Frawley with Coastal Pines Technical College, Barbara Ault with Legacy Link, Robin Cone with Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation, April McDuffie with Wiregrass Technical College, Deirdra Miller with Wiregrass Technical College, and Bobby Smith with MidCoast Aviation Services.

GUEST SPEAKER

Alexis Eason introduced Bobby Smith with MidCoast Aviation Services. Mr. Smith thanked the WDB for inviting him to speak. He stated that MidCoast Aviation Services is a flight training school located in Reidsville, Georgia. The school is PART 141 Certified and Veterans Administration approved for private pilot, instrument pilot, commercial pilot, certified instrument instructor and additional category courses. MidCoast Aviation Services was created because the military veterans stationed primarily at Ft. Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah did not have any local flight training opportunities. Mr. Smith stated that there are no flight schools within 200 miles of the area certified or able to provide flight training for veterans. MidCoast Aviation Services was formed primarily to provide training for active military veterans while still in the military. Once they complete the required training, they can make a smooth transition from military to civilian employment in the field of aviation without any lapse in employment. He thanked WIOA for stepping in to help these Veterans attend this school. He stated that without WIOA, they would not be able to attend because the Veterans Administration would not cover the full cost.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Keith stated that the process of WIOA transitioning from Economic Development to the Technical College System of Georgia was continuing to develop. He stated that there had been no changes in operations so far, but changes to policies and regulations would be coming after the transition. Keith stated that he attended the state board meeting and the new state board members were introduced. He stated that the transition would occur July 1, 2018, and more information regarding the transition would be available at the August meeting. He stated that Rapid Response would move back under the Department of Labor.

ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

Wayne Hall thanked everyone for attending, and 33 members were present. He encouraged the WDB members to make sure they are signed up to serve on a committee and for all new members to attend the new member orientation held at the WDB Retreat.

BUDGET AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Paul Scott referred everyone to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha WIOA Expenditures sheet. He stated that this is the layout for the money spent, and everything is up to date and on track.

Dr. Paul Scott stated that the Budget and Evaluation Committee reviewed and discussed updates to two policies; the Self-Sufficiency and Suitability Guidelines, and the Supportive Services Policy. Dr. Paul Scott stated that the Budget and Evaluation Committee recommends that these two policies be updated to align with the state's policies. The wording for the updates was taken directly from the state's manual. Billy Trapnell seconded. Motion carried.

DISABILITY COMMITTEE

Stephanie Woods stated that the Resource Manual would be available at the next WDB retreat, and each county will break into groups to make sure all information is up to date.

ONE-STOP COMMITTEE

Billy Trapnell referred the WDB members to the Customer Service Comment Cards Report and stated that everything looked good. He referred the WDB to the Customer Count Report. This report compares numbers from month to month, and the numbers are less this year compared to last year.

PLAN AND PROGRAM REVIEW

Tim Herrington referred the WDB members to the Region 9, Area 16- PY17 Performance Report. He stated that this report is received once a year and tracks the performance for the year. All performance goals were met and exceeded for the year.

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 report has two sections; training services, and business services. The total number of training services customers being served is 1,387, and the total number of business services customers being served is 41,259.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Rochelle Culver stated that Job Training Unlimited staff participated in several events over the region. These events are:

April 11th - Staff participated in the OTC Annual Career Fair held in Statesboro.

April 12th - Staff attended the Evans County Café Meeting held at Claxton High School.

April 13th - Staff attended the HDCI Tour of Wayne held at Healthy Pet.

April 16th - Staff hosted and participated in the Brewton Parker Job Fair in Montgomery County.

April 17th - Staff attended the Southeastern Technical College Career Fair held at the Vidalia Campus.

April 19th - Staff attended the Wayne County Coffee Card Exchange held at Piggly Wiggly. Staff

participated in the Career Fair held at the Southeastern Technical College Swainsboro Campus.

April 25th - Staff attended the Jeff Davis Chamber Luncheon at the Jeff Davis Golf Course. Staff also attended the Telfair Chamber Administrator Professional Luncheon held at the McRae United Methodist Church.

April 26th - Staff attended the WINGS luncheon held at the Dublin Country Club.

April 27th - Staff attended the Jeff Davis Career Fair held at Jeff Davis High School.

May 1st - Staff participated and hosted the Evans Co HDCI Luncheon held at Evans County Veterans Center.

May 3rd - Staff participated in the Telfair High School College and Career Fair. Staff also attended the Evans County Prayer Breakfast held at the Wildlife Center.

May 5th - Staff participated in the Cinco De Mayo Reading Fiesta at Claxton Elementary School.

May 7th - Staff participated in the Wilcox Career Day held at Wilcox High School.

May 8th - Staff participated in the Laurens Heart of Georgia Coalition held at the Mental Health Complex.

May 10th - Parker's hosted interviews at the Tattnall County One-Stop.

May 16th - Staff participated in the Economic Development Training Program held at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia.

May 17th - Staff attended the Tattnall County 4H Awards Banquet held at Tattnall County High School.

Staff also participated in collaborative and employer meetings throughout the Region. They also attended many Business After Hours, Chamber Banquets, Graduations, and Ribbon Cuttings.

Upcoming Events:

June 13th - Job Training Unlimited will host a job fair in Baxley at the Parker-Harrell Building/Progressive Resource Center.

RETREAT/NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ted Buford requested that the WDB members complete the 2018 WDB Retreat registration form, and he stated that he hoped to see everyone at the retreat.

UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT

Debbie Dyal stated that the Unemployment Rates for the following counties are: Wheeler County 6.3%, Bleckley County 5.1%, Montgomery County 5.4%, Emanuel County 5.3%, Treutlen County 5.8%, and Toombs County 5.5%.

RC REPORT

Brett stated that the participation in LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses Operation) has been successful. They have completed addressing for all but one county in the region. He stated that our region is the most up-to-date on addresses in the state of Georgia. This means that the state will receive more money, and more money will be available for the region. He stated that big things could happen with this information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allie Williams
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