

Greenville County Workforce Development Board (GCWDB)
SC Works Committee Zoom Meeting, January 25, 2022, 12:00 Noon

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AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Call to Order Ms. Kathy Stanton, Chair
- II. Quorum Validation (6 of 10)
- III. *Minutes Approval (October 26, 2021)**
- IV. Director's Report Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWD Director
 - a. State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) Resiliency Funding
 - b. MOU/IFA Negotiation Meeting – February 22 at 10:00 a.m.
 - c. Just in Time (JIT) Report
- V. Roundtable Updates Discussion SC Works Partners
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Next Meeting – April 26, 2022
- VIII. Adjourn

**** Denotes an action item.***

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SC Works Committee Meeting
Via Zoom Conference Call
October 26, 2021
12:00 Noon

MINUTES

Committee Members: Kathy Stanton (Chair), Bruce Forbes, Beverly James, John Jaraczewski, Larry Miller, and David Turnipseed

Members Absent: Michelle Neeley, Michael Thorne, and Mary Louise Worthy

SC Works Greater Upstate/Partner Staff: Adam Lindsley and Nikki Burgess

Workforce Development Board Staff: Dean Jones and Eva Anagnostis

Guests: Jim Smith (Kinetic Potential)

Other GCWDB Members: Robyn Knox

I. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. Quorum Validation (5 required): A quorum was validated.

III. Minutes Approval (April 27, 2021)*: Minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. Directors Report (Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWD Director):

- a. LMI Update:** Mr. Jones shared Labor Market Information (LMI). We are seeing South Carolina's labor force continue to grow. Our UI rates are low, but we are still not at pre-pandemic labor force levels. Greenville County lost 2,200 workers from the labor force. We are seeing similar industries placing the greatest number of job orders.
- b. SC Works Center Operating Staff Changes:** Mr. Jones informed the Committee that Doug Stephenson, our SC Works Greater Upstate Project Director, retired last month.
- c. SC Works Center Security:** Mr. Jones reminded everyone that we hired an armed security guard for the SC Works Center during the pandemic to ensure safety for our staff and customers. The State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) approved a grant to fund one year of security. That grant ends in December, and we are looking at how we can continue funding the security guard. We may approach partners about sharing in this cost in the future, but we hope the state will provide additional grant funding.
- d. SC Works Certification Standards:** The SWDB requires Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) to perform SC Works Certification according to designated standards every two years. There have been no major changes since last time, but we are preparing for re-certification to occur.

- e. **COVID-19 Contingency Planning:** Mr. Jones wanted to ensure that all the Committee members were aware of how each of their agencies were going to handle increasing COVID cases. Mr. Jones also shared information about the possibility of a federal government shutdown and how that affects our programs. We would have no funds coming in, so we have to try to maintain all staff with the funds we have available.
 - f. **Ability ASCEND:** Mr. Jones shared a project that the Committee on Services to Individuals with Disabilities (CSID) has been working on. We have helped obtain use of a software used for job matching individual with disabilities, which focuses on skills and abilities. This may be able to help struggling employers by allowing them to find employees in a group that was previously an untapped workforce.
- V. **PY21 MOU/IFA Updates (Ms. Eva Anagnostis, GCWDB Assistant Director):** Ms. Anagnostis shared an update to the PY21 MOU/IFA. We were recently notified that Goodwill Industries was awarded three new grant programs that are required to be included in the Local MOU/IFA. One program will go into effect for second quarter, and the other two will go into effect for third quarter.
- VI. **Roundtable Updates Discussion (SC Works Partners):**
- Mr. Bruce Forbes (SHARE) asked the committee to connect families in poverty with their new cohort of the Circles program. Mr. Forbes also reminded the committee of the utility assistance money available through SHARE, as well as the Head Start and Ladder programs.
 - Mr. John Jaraczewski (GLA) shared information about the integrated program with GED and another certification. GLA is currently doing a healthcare track that integrates GED program with CNA. In this partnership with Greenville Tech, students are taught in contextualized classes.
 - Beverly James (Greenville County Library) informed the committee about a few different initiatives at the Library. Library patrons can now check out a state park passport for one week at a time. All library locations are open regular hours.
 - Larry Miller (Greenville Technical College) thanked Mr. Jones and the SC Works Greater Upstate team for all of their hard work on the GCEMS program. There were a total of 12 completers. Dr. Miller shared that GTC's enrollment is down about 6%. Students who received CARES dollars still had high dropout rates. GTC is trying to build curriculums that really fit the needs of the workforce in this area.
 - Nikki Burgess (SC Works Greater Upstate) shared information about a multi-employer job fair that was hosted in October. The WIOA Adult/DW program is really promoting OJT programs and Transfr VR headsets. They are also working to expand some of the workshops.
- VII. **Other Business:** Mr. Jones informed the Committee that we are no longer able to provide the WIN Career Readiness Assessment after December 31st. The state has issued an RFP to obtain a new assessment for both job seekers and high school students across the state.
- VIII. **Next Meeting:** The next SC Works Committee Meeting will be on January 25, 2022.
- IX. **Adjourn:** Being there were no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.