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

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<u>AGENDA</u>

Ms. Kathy Stanton, Chair

SC Works Partners

Mr. Dean Jones, GCWD Director

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
- II. Quorum Validation (6 of 11)
- III. Minutes Approval (July 26, 2022)*
- IV. Director's Report
- V. Roundtable Updates Discussion
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Next Meeting January 24, 2023
- VIII. Adjourn

* Denotes an action item.

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Greenville County Workforce Development Board (GCWDB) SC Works Committee Meeting Via Zoom Conference Call July 26, 2022, 12:00 Noon

MINUTES

Committee Members: Kathy Stanton (Chair), Michael Delaney, Bruce Forbes, Beverly James, John Jaraczewski, Jennifer Moorefield, Michelle Neeley, and David Turnipseed

Members Absent: Jim Smith and Mary Louise Worthy

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

Workforce Development Board Staff: Dean Jones and Eva Anagnostis

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.
- II. Quorum Validation (6 required): A quorum was validated.
- III. *Minutes Approval (January 25, 2022; April 26, 2022)**: Both sets of minutes were approved without opposition.

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

Mr. Jones began the meeting with a few announcements. First, Mr. Michael Delaney has taken Mr. Michael Thorne's previous spot on the Committee, as Mr. Delaney is the new director of Lifelong Learning. Additionally, Mr. Jaraczewski announced that he will be leaving Greenville Literacy Association.

- a. SC Works Center Just In Time Report: Mr. Adam Lindsley (Operations Manager, Equus Workforce Solutions) compiles the Just In Time Report each month. It highlights what has occurred in the SC Works Center, along with additional WIOA participant information. Mr. Jones reviewed some of the data from the report, including testing numbers, traffic, customer satisfaction, and WIOA enrollment.
- **b.** Celebrating Workforce Development Month: The month of September is being recognized as Workforce Development Month. If partners are doing anything for customers across the state, please let Mr. Lindsley know so we can highlight those activities. Mr. Jones also shared about the SC Works Employee of the Year nomination, which is Ms. Rose Cortes (TDS Lead, Equus Workforce Solutions) this year.
- **c. Second Chance Jobs:** The Second Chance Jobs program is one of the approved training providers on our ETPL. They are located in Charleston, but they work throughout the state with individuals who have been involved in the criminal justice system. They work to put people back on the right path to reintegrate into society. They recently received a grant through the Department of Labor to work with veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless or are currently homeless. Mr. Jones will share additional information on this project in the future.

- **d. SCWOS System Update:** The SC Works Online System was down for a few weeks after an attempted cyber-attack. We had to do some pencil and paper documentation for a little while, but things have resumed to normal.
- e. PY22 SC Works Greenville MOU/IFA (Ms. Eva Anagnostis, GCWD Assistant Director): Ms. Anagnostis gave an MOU/IFA Update for PY22. All of the required signatory officials have reviewed and signed the document, and the final version has been emailed to all partners. Ms. Anagnostis thanked partners for all of their help again this year.

V. Roundtable Updates Discussion (SC Works Partners)

- Ms. Jennifer Moorefield (Greenville Tech) wanted to update everyone that Greenville Tech is in the process of receiving funding for Workforce Pathways Scholarships. They should have some funding available by August 1st. Today is Advanced Manufacturing Day with the Greenville Drive, which is an annual event they sponsor to help build the workforce pipeline with local high schools.
- Mr. Bruce Forbes (SHARE) shared information about a grant from TD Bank with Homes for Hope. SHARE is helping some of their residents who want to get job training. Ultimate goal is to help folks who are in low income housing upgrade and increase their incomes so that they can ultimately move up to market rate housing and make room for additional people to get low income housing.
- Mr. John Jaraczewski (GLA) wanted to provide an update about their recent GED graduates. This group of partners have worked together to help 25 GED customers successfully graduate. The SC Works system has truly been co-enrolling participants. Additionally, the Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap book sale is planned for August 12th-14th.
- Ms. Beverly James (Greenville County Library) shared that people have come out in droves to
 participate in programs recently. The library system has technology-related program coming up
 in August, including Excel classes, cloud storage, and publisher. Check out their events via their
 website. Additionally, Ms. James asked if the committee members would please let her know if
 clients have experienced obstacles that would keep them from using the library.
- Mr. Adam Lindsley (SC Works Greater Upstate) has made staff aware of the additional COVID risk right now, with the higher level of transmission happening. We have plenty of masks, hand sanitizer, and wipes to help people stay healthy in the SC Works Center.
- Ms. Nikki Burgess (SC Works Greater Upstate) wanted to promote the virtual reality headsets and workshops that we have available for partners to use at events. Please reach out to her if you want to set something up. Further, Mr. Jones shared about the partnership with Greenville County Schools to have VR headsets available at the Career Centers.
- Ms. Michelle Neeley (Goodwill Industries) shared some end of year information for Goodwill. Their 31 access points are spread out between 16 counties. They are about 1,300 down footprintwise from last year, so they are trying to get people in their doors. They have their Mission Mobile, which is a workforce on wheels for the community. Ms. Neeley would like to share more at a future meeting.
- VI. Other Business: None
- VII. Next Meeting: The next SC Works Committee Meeting will be on October 25, 2022.
- VIII. Adjourn: Being there were no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.