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Youth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

12:00 p.m.

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Agenda

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| I. Welcome and Introductions | Mr. Craig Kinley, Chair |
| II. Call to Order | Mr. Kinley |
| III. Quorum Validation (5 or more) | Mr. Kinley |
| IV. <i>Minutes Approval (November 15, 2022 and February 28, 2023*)</i> | |
| V. PY23 WIOA Youth Request for Proposals Update | Ms. Eva Anagnostis, Asst. Director |
| VI. Director's Report | Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWDB Director |
| VII. Contractor Update | Eckerd Connects |
| VIII. Other Business | |
| IX. Adjourn | |

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**Greenville County Workforce Development Board (GCWDB)
Youth Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 12:00 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting**

MINUTES

Attendees: Zoraido Arroya, LaToya Dodson, Nita Donald, Craig Kinley (Chair), Crystal Noble, and Jennifer Richardson

Members Absent: Kevin Deininger, Frank Floyd, and Tiffany Foster

Staff Present: Dean Jones and Eva Anagnostis

Guests: Amanda Mason, Kal Kunkel, Renee Alexander (Eckerd Connects), and Jim Smith (Kinetic Potential)

I. Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Craig Kinley welcomed everyone to the meeting. A round of introductions was conducted.

II. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

III. Quorum Validation: A quorum was validated.

IV. Minutes Approval* (August 23, 2022): Minutes approved as submitted.

V. Contractor Update (Ms. Amanda Mason, Eckerd Connects Program Manager)

Ms. Mason described some of the activities that are currently underway in the Youth Program. There are 56 participants in training (nine in Occupational Skills training at Greenville Technical College). There are seven participants in Work Experience and two participants in On-the-Job Training. As of today, 53% of total funds for participant services have been allocated. Ms. Mason also shared a success story about an individual who is currently enrolled in the welding program at Greenville Tech. When she came to the Youth Program, she did not have a high school diploma or GED. She was able to co-enroll in GED classes at Greenville Literacy and welding classes at Greenville Tech. Ms. Mason is so proud of how hard she has worked.

VI. Director's Report (Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWDB Executive Director)

- **PY21 Quarterly Update:** Mr. Jones reviewed the PY21 Quarterly Report that was sent to us by SCDEW. He explained Fund Utilization Rate, Obligation Rate, Youth Spending Requirements (75% Out-of-School Youth requirement; 20% Work-Based Learning requirement), Performance, and Participant Levels. He discussed the failed performance measure of Overall Credential Rate. We are working with our providers to make sure we are able to meet our credential performance measures in the future.
- **WIOA Youth Program Procurement:** PY22 is our final extension of our Eckerd Youth Contract. We must issue a new RFP at least once every four years. We are working with our

Procurement Department at Greenville County to facilitate that process. We will be reaching out to get volunteers from the Youth Committee to participate in scoring those applications.

- **WIOA Youth Dashboard:** Mr. Jones is working on a Youth Dashboard that we can share with the Youth Committee on a monthly basis to keep everyone up-to-date on the activities of the Youth program.

VII. Other Business:

Mr. Jim Smith (Kinetic Potential) shared that his organization won a contract with the state of Maryland to bring apprentices to support their initiative to have more state workers that do not require a 4-year college degree. They are working on creating alternative pathways for cybersecurity. It will be a three-month training program to prepare people with those skills.

Nita Donald (Upstate AHEC) mentioned that they are taking applicants for Health Careers Academy, which is a year-round program. They also have some amazing opportunities for students who are interested in attending medical school (funding for MCAT preparation, etc.). Looking for underrepresented socio-economic groups and minority students.

VIII. Adjourn: Being there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

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**Greenville County Workforce Development Board (GCWDB)
Youth Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 12:00 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting**

MINUTES

Attendees: Kevin Deininger, Nita Donald, Craig Kinley (Chair), and Crystal Noble

Members Absent: Zoraido Arroya, LaToya Dodson, Frank Floyd, Tiffany Foster, and Jennifer Richardson

Other GCWDB Members Present: Robyn Knox and John Serpa

Staff Present: Dean Jones and Eva Anagnostis

Guests: Amanda Mason, Teresa Smith, Renee Alexander (Eckerd Connects), and Jim Smith (Kinetic Potential)

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mr. Craig Kinley welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- II. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.
- III. **Quorum Validation:** A quorum was not validated.
- IV. **Minutes Approval* (November 15, 2022):** Minutes could not be approved without a quorum present.
- V. **Director's Report (Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWDB Executive Director)**
 - a. **PY23 Request for Proposals (RFP) Update:** Ms. Anagnostis (GCWDB Assistant Director) sent a notice out to all Board and Committee members yesterday to notify them of the public notice currently posted on the Greenville County procurement website. Mr. Jones reviewed the process of how we select a provider and the general timeline to ensure we have a contract in place by July 1.
 - b. **Performance Reports:** Mr. Jones shared a number of updates on Youth program performance including Obligation Rate, Fund Utilization Rate, Cost per Participant, Out-of-School Youth (OSY) Expenditure Rate, and Work-Based Learning Rate. We are on track to meet all financial performance measures for PY22. Mr. Jones also presented the newly released 2nd Quarter Performance report. We are currently passing all program measures on both the 2nd Quarter and the 2nd Quarter Rolling reports, including the measures that we failed in PY21.
 - c. **Public Notice to Reduce OSY Requirements:** SC Department of Employment and Workforce (SCDEW) is requesting to waive the 75% OSY Requirement and lower it to 50%. This would allow local areas to spend more funds on In-School Youth. Mr. Jones theorized that this may

be due to interest in expanding the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) programs within the state.

VI. Contractor Update (Ms. Amanda Mason, Eckerd Connects Program Manager)

Ms. Mason described some of the activities that are currently underway in the Youth Program. There are currently 65 enrollments for the year, and they are on track to meet enrollment goals for the program year. The Workforce Development Specialist has been working hard to engage new employers for Work-Based Learning worksites. There have been 3 On-the-Job Training contracts for the year, and they have been really successful so far. The Youth program is continuing to build partnerships with Lifelong Learning and Greenville Literacy Association to serve individuals seeking a GED.

VII. Other Business: Ms. Robyn Knox (GCWDB Chair) was pleased to hear that more JAG programs may be coming to the state, and she likes us to be able to use funds where they are needed.

VIII. Adjourn: Being there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

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