

Region 2000 Workforce Development Area VII

Serving the City of Lynchburg, and Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell

Workforce Development Board Meeting

8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Lynchburg Dept. of Human Services

Minutes

Members Present: Nat Marshall – Chair, Scott Francis, Scott Gillespie, Danny Grimes, Ruth Hendrick, Christine Kennedy, Ed McCann, Kimberly McIvor, Marjette Upshur, John Redding, Tamara Rosser, Luke Saechao, Jan Walker, Wendell Walker, Sterling Wilder

Members Absent, Excused: Blondie Anderson, Sierria Carvajal, Mike Davidson, Nathan Dowdy, Dennis Jarvis, Bobby Johnson, Dennis Knight, Ron Lovelace, Susan Martin, Tina Ragland, Roxanne Slaughter

Members Absent: Des Black, Traci Blido, Selina Elswick, Georgia Fauber, Sonny Harvey, Phillip Jamerson, Jim Mundy, Heather Reynolds, Cheryl Toler

Staff Present: Ben Bowman, Gary Christie, Susan Cook, Lori Cumbo, Rosalie Majerus

Others Present: Michelle Bergman – HumanKind, Margaret Carmel – News & Advance, Alvin Jones - Goodwill, Nate Mahanes – DARS, Miriam Torian – HumanKind, Treney Tweedy – Goodwill, Franklin Swann- Old Dominion Job Corp

1. Welcome and Introductions

Nat Marshall welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

2. Ride Solutions Recognitions and Awards

Kelly Hitchcock gave an overview of Ride Solutions. Kelly explained that Ride Solutions started out to reduce single occupancy vehicles on the road. The program came to the Roanoke area in 2001 to improve Roanoke's air quality. It has expanded to provide options for access to jobs and quality of life. She stated that in rural areas transportation is often a limiting factor in finding a skilled and reliable workforce. The Ride Solutions program can help with carpool matching programs in rural areas and promoting alternative modes of transportation in urban areas, such as bicycling and public transit. They also have a guaranteed ride home program. Kelly explained that the Ride Solutions program can be tapered to meet the needs of businesses and organizations, and can help subsidize some of the costs involved.

3. Approval of the January 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were not approved, due to lack of a quorum.

4. Review of YTD Financial Report

Rosalie Majerus reported that in the last quarter the Strategic Plan has been completed and paid. She also reported that there will be a larger than usual carry-over for the 1st quarter of the FY 2018, but there is a time limit to spend this money.

Ben Bowman reminded the Board that at least 40% of the Adult budget is supposed to be spent on dislocated worker training, and 20% of Youth funds on work experience.

5. Public Comment

There were none.

6. Training Provider Approval

Due to lack of a quorum, the Liberty University training program for Bachelor of Science Elementary Education Interdisciplinary Studies and Central Virginia Community College program for Career Studies Certificate in HVAC could not be approved.

7. Operations and Performance Committee Recommendations for RFP Response & Future Operations

Ben Bowman explained that a team comprised of business and human services representatives from each locality reviewed the RFPs that were received for the Workforce program. They recommended the following:

- HumanKind - to serve as the One-Stop Operator and Adult Program Provider
- VEC – Dislocated Worker Service Provider
- Workforce Development Board – operate the Youth Program and continue as Administrative Agent

The Youth Program would have a Youth Program Coordinator, with at least three case managers. There have been conversations with Social Services about possibly sharing some positions. Ben added that he would like to have one person dedicated to each locality.

Nat Marshall stressed that it is imperative to market the Workforce services, and to be sure organizations are working collaboratively.

As there was not a quorum, Ben advised that he schedule a called meeting of the Board to approve the recommendations of the Operations and Performance Committee.

8. Partner Reports

- 1) VEC – Kimberly McIvor reported that the VEC is looking forward to working with the Workforce community.
- 2) Goodwill – Alvin Jones reported that Goodwill is working to spend more training funds.
- 3) Dept. of Aging and Rehabilitation – Nate Mahanes reported that on May 3rd he will be doing their first tour of the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center and the vocational training programs.

9. Adjourn - There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.