



DeKalb Workforce Development Board May 25, 2016

Members Present

Cathy Hardin, DeKalb Medical
Jackie Echols, Georgia Piedmont Technical College
Sadie Dennard, Georgia Power
Hope Bolden, Integral
DePriest Waddy, United Way of Greater Atlanta
Jerome Jackson, IBEW Local 613
L. Lamont Wise, Urban League of Greater Atlanta
Ray Gilley, Development Authority of DeKalb County
Jacqueline Williams, DeKalb DFCS
Tommy Lester, Startup BFF
Rhonda Briggins-Ridley, MARTA
Marcia Blanding, Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
John Lenz, LENZ
Michael Romesburg, CVS Health
Jacqueline Thompson, Macy's

Members Absent

Audrey Turner, Emory University
Mike Carow, Hormel Foods Corporation
Tony Westly, Operative Plasterers/Cement Mason
Claudette Grant, Center for Disease Control & Prevention
Kim Childs, DeKalb Chamber of Commerce
Keethe Moore, Dart Container Corporation

Staff

Sheryl B.C. Stone Kala Waran India Johnson Sandeep Gill Roderick Wyatt Latanya Lowery

<u>Guest</u>

Cynthia Edwards, Georgia Piedmont Technical College Katherine Hilliard, Macy's Lori Barkster, GDOL (Diane Allen)* Talina Landestoy, DeKalb County Drug Court Wilbur Jordan, DFCS (SNAP)

Welcome/Greetings - Call to Order

Chairperson Sadie Dennard called the meeting to order.

Establishment of Ouorum

Sadie Dennard declared the members present constituted a quorum.

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Approval of Minutes (March 23, 2016)

A motion was made by Ray Gilley and seconded by Rhonda Briggins-Ridley to approve the March 23, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

All prior committee meeting minutes were e-mailed to the Board for review.

Action Items

Acceptance of Youth Funds

The Youth Funds notification in the amount of \$1.9m has been received; the notification was shared with the Board for approval to accept the funds.

Youth Work Experience

DeKalb Workforce Development has budgeted for \$400,000 in the 2016 Summer Youth Employment Program. Previously, the youth have worked up to twenty-five (25) hours per week, for up to an eight (8) week period. Both the Finance Committee and Youth Committee have approved and forwarded to the Board for approval to increase the work hours up to 35 hours per week and increasing pay from \$8.00 to \$9.00 hourly, year round.

SNAP Grant

Georgia has received a \$15 million dollar grant award to offer nontraditional employment and training (E&T) services to SNAP participants. The goal is to strengthen Georgia by providing individuals and families access to services that promote self-sufficiency and independence. The SNAP Works Program projects to reduce dependency and increase work effort; SNAP participants must go to school or work. As a participant, DeKalb Workforce will receive \$765,000.00 for three years to facilitate education and training to participants.

A motion was made by Mike Romesburg and seconded by Ray Gilley to accept Youth Funds, Youth Work Experience and SNAP Grant as presented. The Board approved unanimously.

Policy Updates

The Board received the following updated policies: WIOA Relocation Assistance, Complaints, Recapture and Reallocation, Local Leadership Appointments and Contact, Pre-Award Review and Risk Evaluation and Supportive Services. All policies were presented and discussed extensively. The updated policies were shared at the State Workforce Board Meeting and now presented to the local board; all are compliant with State policy and reflect federal cost principles.

A motion was made by Jerome Jackson and seconded by DePriest Waddy to approve the Updated Policies as presented. The Board approved unanimously. DeKalb Policy Manual

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and By-Laws were updated accordingly.

Program Updates

WIOA Working Group Procurement Guidance

The Board received the One-Stop Funding and Procurement Working Group Recommendations for One-Stop Operator Procurement. The procurement guidance includes requirements for introduction and background information, procurement procedures, requested documentation and criteria.

State Unified Brand

The State Workforce Development Board is tasked with overseeing the Governor's state workforce development initiatives. Their guidance is essential to sustaining Georgia's competitive advantage nationwide in terms of workforce. The Board has decided on a "State Unified Brand". To provide immediate brand recognition, each area will use the same logo with the areas name listed on the logo; possible designs were shared with the board.

Dislocated Worker RFP \$1M

DeKalb Workforce Development is requesting proposals from qualified sources to provide career and training services for WIOA eligible dislocated workers. The purpose of the RFP is to identify appropriate service providers to provide employment and training services for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker Program for three (3) continuous years, contingent upon annual funding from the US Department of Labor (USDOL) and evaluation of successful performance. Board member Tommy Lester is serving on the selection committee and could only disclose that there are only two bids.

Regional & Local Plan Update

The Regional Plan provides the framework for local areas to define how their workforce development systems will achieve the purpose of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA provides designated regions and local workforce areas the responsibility and opportunity to develop employment and training systems tailored specifically to regional economies. As discussed during the March 23, 2016 DeKalb Workforce Development Board Meeting, DeKalb, along with the four (Atlanta, Cobb, Fulton and Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)) other metro-Atlanta workforce development areas, are required to develop a regional plan for the Atlanta region. Also, we are required to update/revise our local plan for each of our respective local areas. In doing so, the five metro Atlanta workforce areas are working with Camoin Associates to meet these deliverables.

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Executive Committee Meeting (week of June 27th)

The anticipated completion date of the Regional and Local Plan updates is the week of June 27th. We are requesting the Executive Committee to be available for review of the

Regional and Local Plan draft for comments/input. Upon review by the Executive Committee, the plans will be available on our website 30 days for public comments.

Southeastern Employment & Training Association Conference (SETA)

The 2016 Southeastern Employment & Training Association Fall Conference will be held September 25-28 at the Beau Rivage, Biloxi, MS.; four DWD staff and two-three board members are able to attend. SETA provides workforce professionals the opportunity to network and grow professionally. These opportunities are provided through the spring and fall conferences that are hosted annually.

Public Comments

N/A

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Scheduled Meeting: July 13, 2016

Signature – Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO)