

North Central Workforce Development Board Meeting
June 14, 2017 – 10:00a.m.
Josie's Restaurant -Batesville, AR
Minutes

Members Present:

Ben Baxter, Gayle Cooper, Garry Lawrence, Alvin Hearyman, , Dr. Keith McClanahan, Jada Ragland, Jamie Rayford, Brian Robinson, Randy Ratliff, Pat Dunegan, Steve Hall, Steve Roofener, Tim London, Darrell Moore, Darline Tucker, Nancy Whitmire, Pam Williams and Micah Woods

Members Absent:

Zach Branscum, Angela Ryland, Kimberly Clayborn, Kendrick Ketchum

Members Represented by Proxy:

Regina Burkett, Shane Gaither

Others Present :

Sherry Organ, ASUB Adult Ed, Kay Price, DWS, Beth Qualls, WRPDD, Mitzi Hargan, WRPDD, John Kylo, City of Cherokee Village, Angela Goodwin, WRPDD, Carrie McIntosh, WRPDD, Trish Miller, Ozarka College AE, Donetta Bradford, WRPDD, Judy Duncan, AR Dept. of Workforce Services, , Cara Summerfield, Adult Education, Van Thomas, WRPDD, Tonya Washington, ADWS, Alice Ford, ADWS, Greg Miller, WIOA.

A meeting of the North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Board Chair Pam Williams on June 14, 2017. Board Chair Williams called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting which had been distributed earlier by mail. On a motion by Alvin Hearyman and second by Ben Baxter, the minutes of the meeting were approved unanimously.

A quorum was declared present by Board Chair Pam Williams.

Angela Goodwin, Program Director advised monitors from the state visited last week and there are things that need improvement and the WIOA program staff will be working hard to address each problem identified from the monitors. The monitors agreed to provide training and education on the areas that need to be improved. A Supportive Policy and Procedure document was submitted for review and hopefully will be ready for the board to pass at the next meeting. Mrs. Goodwin gave a breakdown of on supportive services being offered, ITA's, and work experience participants. Ben Baxter requested a breakdown of services by institution for all services and Mrs. Goodwin said she would work on providing that information. Mrs. Goodwin stated that work experience is paid a maximum of \$10.00/hour with various benefits and 50% of OJT wages are paid with no benefits. Jada Ragland suggested the board be presented with a list of worksites; Mrs. Goodwin said she would provide the list.

Mr. Van Thomas asked if everyone would stand up and introduce themselves so that any new people would know who everyone was.

Mr. John Kylo with the City of Cherokee Village spoke about how important the work experience participants has been to the city and how beneficial working with the North Central region has been. Mr. Kylo also spoke about the types of projects the work participants assist with which includes pavilion construction, demolition of houses, airport cleanup, community clean up, debris removal, and overall maintenance. The city has hired many of the participants as a full-time employee and hopes to continue to in the future.

Greg Miller, Case Manager for WIOA, stated that more ITA's were needed in our area. He stated we have a lot of work experience participants but not near enough participants that obtain a college education.

Board Chair Pam Williams said the state office called her right before the meeting in regards to what the procurement process was and how it was advertised for our area. The state office suggested that the vote be held to approve the one-stop operator until this has been determined. Discussion among board members included the process of selecting a committee of 4 who worked with Mary Ann Lawrence to help develop the RFQ. It was discussed someone needs to contact her and determine where she advertised the RFQ. The RFQ was posted on the website of WRPDD.

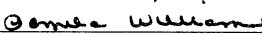
A motion was made by Darrell Moore to handle all of the discussion by email and vote on the one-stop operator by email once the issue was resolved. The motion was seconded by Steve Hall.

Carrie McIntosh with WRPDD presented information about the Workforce Development 4-year plan update. The recommended changes to the plan have been completed and submitted. The plan should be approved within the next 4-6 weeks.

Byron Southerland presented the proposed budget for the WIOA program. He explained this was only a projected budget and that concrete numbers have not been determined yet. A motion was made to accept the projected budget by Garry Lawrence with a second by Alvin Hearyman.

Mitzi Hargan and Carrie McIntosh showed a PowerPoint Presentation to the board members to show some of the other activities that take place at WRPDD which included projects funded by Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, Economic Development Administration, Delta Regional Authority, USDA Rural Development, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, and Arkansas Historic Preservation.

There was no other business. Board Chair Pam Williams announced lunch would be served and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a motion by Steve Robinson and second by Pat Dunegan.



Board Chair Pam Williams