



UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

February 16, 2021 3:30 P.M. Virtual Meeting

Guests Present:

Ms. Ann Angermeier
Mr. Brent Bishop
Ms. Helen Merriweather
Ms. Nikoya Shaw
Ms. Dana Wood

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Erin Black
Mr. Doug Bryson
Mr. Jay Coffey
Mr. Tony Henderson
Ms. Theresa Perry
Ms. Cherie Pressley
Ms. Carol Rogers
Ms. Carolyn Rutherford
Mr. Evander Thomas
Mr. David Wall

Welcome:

Mr. Evander Thomas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Financial Update:

Mr. Brent Bishop, UWB CFO, reviewed the January youth program budget report with the committee. Mr. Bishop noted that the budget is tracking well especially with Work-Based Learning. Mr. Bishop presented an ACHIEVE budget modification to the committee. He shared that \$13,522 would be freed up from various line items. Mr. Bishop also shared that the \$13,522 would be moved to the Work-Based Learning line item to carry that program in the area for the remainder of the year. All committee members were in favor of this budget modification and with no abstentions, the motion carried.

ACHIEVE Program Reports/Dashboards:

Ms. Merriweather, ACHIEVE Executive Director, reported that the ACHIEVE program has 10 students enrolled to for online google classroom or essential education. She shared that they are still seeing students in person in the morning and afternoon. Ms. Merriweather shared that enrollment is at about 58% overall. Ms. Ann Angermeier, UWB Executive Director, inquired about the number of YouthStop students still being served. Ms. Merriweather shared with the group that 1 or 2 YouthStop students are co-enrolled with Adult Education (Adult Ed.) but most of them are in follow-up. She shared that students are taking a CellBotics course to gain a credential and meet the Credential Attainment for performance.

Live Fridays

Ms. Cherie Pressley, SC Department of Commerce Workforce Advisor, shared that Live Fridays are starting. She highlighted that the College and Career Showcase will be virtual this year. She shared that they are close to double the number of registered participants than normal. Ms. Pressley highlighted that students can directly communicate with employers in a chat setting, and that there

are 25 companies participating this year due to COVID.

Ms. Dana Wood, UWB Associate Director, asked for committee volunteers to help operate the booth on FASFA and make referrals to SC Works for tuition assistance. She shared that the chat feature would be used to communicate with students. Ms. Angermeier shared that 300 or more students have not started a FASFA in Cherokee County. She shared that she is working on creating a FASFA event for Cherokee county.

Performance Concerns

Ms. Wood shared the Final Quarter 2 performance with the committee. She highlighted that there are more areas where the set measures were not met. Ms. Wood highlighted the metric for employment and measurable skills gains were low for youth.

Adjournment

With no further business or discussion from the floor, the meeting was adjourned 4:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held April 27, 2021.