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## **UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 27, 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:**

Mr. Curtis Anderson  
Ms. Erin Black  
Mr. Doug Bryson  
Mr. Tony Henderson  
Ms. Theresa Perry  
Ms. Susan Rogers  
Ms. Carolyn Rutherford  
Mr. Evander Thomas

### **Welcome:**

Mr. Evander Thomas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

### **Financial Update:**

Mr. Brent Bishop, UWB CFO, reviewed the March youth program budget report with the committee. Mr. Bishop noted that the budget is tracking well especially with Work-Based Learning. Ms. Dana Wood, UWB Associate Director, expressed thanks to Ms. Helen Merriweather, ACHIEVE Executive Director, and her staff for working hard especially while being the only youth program this year.

### **ACHIEVE Program Reports/Dashboards:**

Ms. Merriweather reported that the ACHIEVE program enrolled 77% overall and will have four more enrolled this week. She shared that Cherokee County is at 137% enrollment and Union County is at 125%. She informed the group that she is excited about the partnerships with the Adult Education offices in those counties and shared that they have been a wonderful support. Ms. Merriweather shared that measurable skills gain is improving. She mentioned to the committee that she spoke with the SC Department of Employment and Workforce (SC DEW) about co-enrollments hurting performance and making it hard to keep numbers up. Ms. Merriweather updated the committee that the program received a grant from Spartanburg County Foundation Women Giving. She shared that the grant was written through the Upstate Workforce Futures Corporation and informed the committee that the grant will pay for a replacement van. The committee reviewed the grant video submitted by Ms. Merriweather.

### **Live Fridays**

Ms. Wood shared that the College and Career Showcase, in partnership with the SC Department of Commerce and Ms. Cherie Pressley, was a virtual event. The event took place over several months this spring. It also included one Live Friday a month. During Live Fridays, high school students had the ability to interact with employers. She shared that the first Live Friday was small. She shared that although over 10,000 students registered, very few of them interacted with the employers. She also shared that the project will wrap up May 7th. Ms. Ann Angermeier, UWB Executive Director, stated that she hopes businesses will continue to see this partnership as an investment in the future.

### **Monitoring Updates**

Ms. Wood shared that state monitoring was conducted earlier this month. She noted that the monitoring was virtual and that the monitoring exit was favorable. Ms. Wood shared that there were no disallowed costs and informed the committee that more details will be shared after the final report is received from the state. She noted that there were a few minor file errors. She informed the group that the way the program enters some activity codes in SCWOS may need to be modified. Ms. Wood stated that she will share any findings with the committee.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business or discussion from the floor, the meeting was adjourned 4:04 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held June 15, 2021.**