



**UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD ONE STOP COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**August 4, 2025, Noon- SC Works**

**Committee Members Present**

Cleapor, Josh  
Horton, Judy (Chair)  
Moon, Ken  
Woodall, Kristi

**Guests Present**

Bynum, Hoyt

**Committee Members Absent**

Crosby, Johnnie-Lynn  
Lancaster, Kathy Jo

**UWB Staff Present**

Bishop, Brent  
Hudgins, Dana  
CJ Jackson

**Welcome**

Ms. Judy Horton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. In recognition of Equus' new Project Director, Mr. Hoyt Bynum, each attendee briefly introduced themselves. Mr. Bynum is a native of Alabama, a graduate of Gardner-Webb University and a former Boys & Girls Club CEO. Mr. Bynum said he's always considered himself mission-driven and that he will work to continue to make a difference in the lives of our community and the lives of families.

**Financial Report**

Mr. Brent Bishop, UWB Finance Manager, gave an overview of the financials. He presented the June 2025 report, representing the end of the program year. Spending percentages finished in good shape. Mr. Bishop also presented a snapshot of the Planning and Development grant and a Rapid Response grant that were active during PY24 that expired on July 31, 2025. The Planning and Development grant wasn't completely expended due to the lack of Equus staff to take advantage of the professional development opportunities.

**SC Works Update**

Mr. Hoyt Bynum provided an update on the JIT and dashboard reports for June 2025. Mr. Bynum stated that WIOA traffic increased 13% from last year. Mr. Bynum also reviewed current enrollments and unemployment rates for each county, WIOA-supported workshops and events, as well as customer and business survey feedback. Ms. Dana Hudgins, UWB Associate Director, stated that SC Works has met their Adult and Dislocated Worker enrollment goals for PY24.

Ms. Hudgins shared that the drastic turnover in staff has negatively impacted enrollments and services. WIOA enrollments have been frozen for 45 days to give Equus time to hire and train qualified personnel.

### **One Stop Update**

Ms. Dana Hudgins shared concerns with staffing. There are vacancies for a Union County Case Manager, a Business Services Lead, a Case Manager Lead, and a Facilitator. Workshop attendance is down due to the lack of a Facilitator. Ms. Hudgins also expressed concerns with WIOA client services, business services and expenditures. Members had a lengthy discussion on the upcoming challenges with the vacancies in key staff positions. Ms. Hudgins stated that corporate has been contacted and as a result, Chytania Brown, Vice President of Operations at Equus, will provide direct corporate support. Ms. Hudgins will share relevant updates as they occur.

### **PY25 Budget Modification**

Ms. Dana Hudgins stated that on July 1st, SC Works started with the same amount they had in PY24. We did not have allocations in time for the start of the program year. For the first time in about seven years, we received a significant increase. SC Works budget was \$1,090,316.00. The new budget modification is for \$1,199,348.00, which is a 10% increase. The bulk of the increase will be used for participant training and supportive services. ***Mr. Ken Moon motioned to approve the Equus budget modification request for a 10% increase spread over multiple line items, raising their PY25 budget to \$1,199,348.00. Mr. Josh Cleapor seconded the motion. With no abstentions, the motion carried.***

### **Other Business/Adjourn**

With no further business or discussion from the floor, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2025.**