



UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

September 20, 2022

3:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Erin Black, Chair
Mr. Josh Cleapor
Mr. Jerome Kirkland

Guests Present:

Ms. Ann Angermeier
Mr. Brent Bishop
Ms. Anna Oswald
Ms. Nikoya Shaw
Ms. Dana Wood

Welcome:

Ms. Erin Black, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Financial Update:

Mr. Brent Bishop, UWB Finance Manager, reviewed the August Youth program budget report with the committee and noted that spending was tracking well with 17% of the year already passed.

Mr. Bishop presented a budget modification. This modification impacts multiple line items and increases the budget by \$33,304.55 (\$487,991.12 to \$521,295.67) using unobligated funds. Ms. Dana Wood, UWB Associate Director, stated that there is still a significant balance of unobligated Youth funds totaling about \$96,000. Ms. Wood shared the proposed modification includes a conditional approval of up to \$21,000 for the purchase of a van, if needed, during the program year. The ACHIEVE Program has applied for a van from the Spartanburg County Foundation. If fully funded, the \$21,000 will not be needed. Ms. Ann Angermeier, UWB Executive Director, inquired about when the other 2 vans will be on site and in use by the program. Ms. Anna Oswald, USC Upstate ACHIEVE Director, shared that they have been purchased and are just waiting on tags from fleet. With no further discussion, ***Mr. Josh Cleapor motioned to approve the budget modification as presented to include the conditional van request. Mr. Jerome Kirkland seconded the motion, and with no abstentions, the motion carried.***

ACHIEVE Program Reports/Dashboards:

Ms. Anna Oswald shared the August Dashboard and Newsletter. She said that the program is looking to build a stronger relationship with The Adult Learning Center and Adult Education, who have been great partners. She shared that she would follow up with students of those programs who express interest in ACHIEVE in October to look at opportunities to serve those students through co-enrollments. The increased partnership would focus on occupational skills training and work experience. Ms. Oswald noted an increased interest in the ACHIEVE Program and its services.

She highlighted that September enrollments are high and anticipated a continual increase with greater engagement with students and partners. Ms. Oswald shared that the program had 40 GEDs

last year. Ms. Angermeier stated that might be the most in program history.

4th quarter Performance

Ms. Angermeier reviewed the fourth quarter performance numbers and shared that the 176.5% in measurable skills gain overall in the rolling 4th quarter probably helped carry the state. She noted that the contractors and UWB staff have worked through performance negotiations for the coming year. Ms. Angermeier shared that there will be a cookout at Cleveland Park in October to recognize the hard work of the programs over the last year and to build morale.

Youth of the Year

Ms. Wood stated that Midlands, another local area, hosts a Youth of the Year award recognizing youth participants for their dedication to the program. She shared a draft of the nomination criteria for the committee to review. She then asked the committee if they favored naming the award after Mr. Curtis Anderson, to honor and remember him for his service to our board and youth committee. Ms. Wood noted a need for further discussion at a future date to finalize the nomination criteria and award. She shared that the ACHIEVE Program would submit nominations to the committee.

Adjournment

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

The next meeting will be held December 6, 2022.