



UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
February 15, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Erin Black	Ms. Theresa Perry
Mr. Josh Cleapor	Ms. Cherie Pressley
Mr. Jay Coffey	Ms. Susan Rogers
Mr. Jerome Kirkland	Ms. Carolyn Rutherford
Ms. Victoria Novak	Mr. David Wall

Guests Present:

Ms. Ann Angermeier
Ms. Amber Caldwell
Ms. Anna Oswald
Ms. Nikoya Shaw
Ms. Dana Wood

Welcome:

Ms. Erin Black, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Financial Update:

Ms. Dana Wood, UWB Associate Director, reviewed the January youth program budget report with the committee and noted that spending is tracking well. She shared that Women Giving approved a grant extension for their van purchase and that the WIOA funds set aside for the second van will now be used to purchase desktop computers and laptops for the ACHIEVE Program. Ms. Wood was able to move the van purchase to the Resiliency Grant in order to accommodate the chip shortage and late arrival of the van (expected after June 30th). She shared that two 2022 Ford Transits will be coming from Spain.

ACHIEVE Program Reports/Dashboards:

Ms. Anna Oswald, USC Upstate ACHIEVE Director, shared that January was a slow month for the program. She noted five enrollments for the month, and four more have been scheduled. Ms. Oswald stated that fourteen GEDs have been earned so far this program year. Ms. Shaw applied for and received a grant for Achieve from Carolina Foothills Federal Credit Union and asked Ms. Nikoya Shaw, UWB Community Impact Director, to provide more information. Ms. Shaw shared that the grant award was \$2,500 and would be used to provide financial counseling and incentives for four students during WIOA follow-up. Ms. Oswald said that SC Works has a partnership with MAU where they receive old laptops from the company to give to participants in need. Ms. Ann Angermeier, UWB Executive Director, shared that the Broad River Electric Cooperative grant for \$1,500 that Ms. Shaw secured just provided laptops for the first four students that got their GEDs and are going into post-secondary education.

ACHIEVE Pantry:

Ms. Oswald shared that the initial stock of the pantry was a success. She stated that the SC Works Center has wanted to do a pantry and is interested in expanding the pantry for the Center. Committee members asked what types of items are needed. Ms. Oswald shared that any shelf-stable food items and travel-size personal hygiene items would be appreciated. Ms. Victoria Novak, Committee Member, shared that she has contacted the head of the Capstone Community Discovery Engagement at Spartanburg Methodist College (SMC) regarding partnering and will get information for Ms. Oswald and Ms. Shaw.

School Pilot Project:

Ms. Angermeier reminded the group about the discussion at the last meeting regarding a pilot project at one of the school districts in Spartanburg to help high school seniors who have not identified a plan after graduation. Ms. Angermeier noted that this would be a great way to increase On-the-Job Training (OJT) and that we could offer supportive services to these students by enrolling them in the WIOA adult program. Ms. Angermeier shared that she, Ms. Wood, Ms. Shaw and Ms. Nikki Burgess, SC Works Greater Upstate Project Director, will visit Broome High School Friday, February 18, 2022, during lunch for the first meeting with students.

Adjournment

With no further business or discussion from the floor, the meeting was adjourned 4:16 p.m.

The next meeting will be held April 26, 2022.