



UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD ONE STOP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2022

12:00 p.m.

SC Works- Room 114

Present:

Mr. Robbie Faucett, Committee Chair

Mr. Craig Jacobs, Committee Member

Mr. Jeff Gossett, Committee Member

Ms. Judy Horton, Committee Member

Ms. Cathy Harter, Committee Member

Mr. Marion Littlejohn, Committee Member

Mr. Nathan Norris, Committee Member

Ms. Ann Angermeier, UWB

Mr. Brent Bishop, UWB

Ms. Nikoya Shaw, UWB

Ms. Dana Wood, UWB

Ms. Nikki Burgess, SC Works

Mr. Adam Lindsley, SC Works

Ms. Anne Brock-Trail, SCDEW

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robbie Faucett, Chair, at 12:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

Financial Report

Mr. Brent Bishop, UWB CFO, gave a snapshot of the One Stop budget through January. He shared that the board has been encouraging more participant related spending to continue the progress towards hitting the participant cost rate. Ms. Nikki Burgess, SC Works Greater Upstate Project Director, shared that there were 25 On-the-Job training for the Upstate. There were only 20 all of last year. Ms. Ann Angermeier inquired about why the expenditures related to OJT were low. Ms. Burgess plans to follow up with Ms. Angermeier after she reviews expenses.

Mr. Bishop gave an overview of the special grants. Ms. Dana Wood, UWB Associate Director, noted that the DWG grant would not be rapidly spent since it does not end until 2024. Ms. Angermeier noted that it is hard to find individuals traditionally considered Dislocated Workers. She shared that SC Works staff are looking at ways to qualify individuals such as veterans or those who were incarcerated. Ms. Wood shared that they are getting creative on this approach and that the DWG grant included four workforce

boards. Mr. Bishop shared that the restoration grant had been fully exhausted. Ms. Wood gave an overview of the Rapid Response process for the newer committee members.

SC Works Update

Mr. Adam Lindsley, SC Works Operations Manager, gave the *Just in Time* and *Dashboard* reports. Mr. Lindsley reported 970 total individuals visited the SC Works Center in January. He noted that this total included traffic for WIOA clients as well as Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Wager-Peyser (WP). Mr. Lindsley noted that 42 individuals were scheduled for workshops, 19 attended. He reported that 11 participants began training during the month. Mr. Lindsley went over the stats from the *Just in Time* report and shared that customer satisfaction surveys were positive. He also shared that Business Customer Surveys showed satisfactory responses. Ms. Wood shared that Ms. CJ Jackson, survey consultant, will be conducting surveys moving forward for our area and Greenville due to the funding received through the Resiliency Grant.

Mr. Lindsley highlighted the total number of recruitment events. Ms. Angermeier shared that there will be funding issued by the State Workforce Board through their discretionary funds that can be used for outreach. Mr. Lindsley shared the sector target goals with the committee. Ms. Wood shared that the goals no longer need to be measured because of the decrease in us paying for training at SCC as it is now free. Mr. Robbie Faucett asked for a motion to change the goal measured to simply priorities. ***Mr. Nathan Norris, Committee Member, made a motion to change the goals to priorities. Ms. Judy Horton, Committee Member, seconded the motion. With no abstentions, the motion carried.***

Ms. Burgess shared the client success of 3 WIOA clients. She shared that Mr. James, a Union County resident, and veteran, obtained his CDL and is successfully employed. Ms. Burgess also shared the success of two participants, Eric and Derrick, Spartanburg County residents, who overcame barriers of low basic skills deficiency and criminal history to secure employment with PEK Construction.

SC Works Relocation

Ms. Wood shared that the recent MOU/IFA planning took place to plan next year's cost-share budget for partners. She noted that this planning session focuses on cost-sharing of rent, utilities, internet, etc., between partners housed in the center. Ms. Wood informed the committee that all partners favored moving to the Business Technology Center (BTC) building temporarily until the final move to the Northside. She shared that she hopes to be operational at the BTC location on or before June 21, 2022. Ms. Wood shared how phenomenal the manager of the BTC has been regarding this temporary plan. She also shared that Spartanburg County has been very supportive and plans to assist with some onetime cost as well.

Performance

Ms. Wood shared that nothing stood out negatively on performance. She is working to plug in the numbers in the proper format before distributing them to staff and board members.

Updates

Ms. Angermeier updated the committee on a few special programs. She shared that UWB and SC Works staff had an initial meeting with the ten students at Broome High School identified by school staff to be a part of The In10tional Pilot Project. If enrolled, these students will be in the adult WIOA program since they are or will soon be 18. Ms. Angermeier shared that the school staff and students are excited. She also shared that the Union County STEM Summer Program will be held in June this year. The committee discussed the programs and ways to sustain them financially.

Adjournment

With there being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

The next meeting is to be held on May 4, 2022.