



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

August 11, 2016, 3:00pm

Conference Room, Clemson Comprehensive Center, SC

Members Present

Edgar Brown

Pat Pruitt

Susan Stockton

Members Absent

Billy Gibson

Staff Present

Windy Graham

Patty Manley

Guests Present

Steve Cook

Jack Braswell

Reneé Alexander

Chris Sparrow

I. Call To Order/ Opening Remarks

Pat Pruitt, Committee Chair called the meeting to order and announced the meeting was being recorded for processing of minutes. Introductions were made from all in attendance.

II. Approval of 05/12/2016 Meeting Minutes

Chair Pruitt noted the minutes from the 05/12/16 meeting were included for Committee member review and called for a vote to approve.

Committee Action: Susan Stockton made a motion to approve the minutes from the 05/12/16 meeting as submitted, seconded by Edgar Brown. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

III. WorkLink's Data

Windy Graham referred to pages 4-6 which is the WIOA Targeted Population Summary for our region, Anderson, Oconee & Pickens counties for PY'15 which shows those who have registered by age, race, education level, employment & veteran status, etc. On pages 7-9, Ms. Graham stated this report is for the month of July 2016 only noting this report is different from the disparate report which was previously provided however this report includes targeted population as well as wages.

Ms. Graham also explained WIOA's definition of an offender is anyone who's had any interaction with law enforcement whether they have been arrested and served time or are waiting adding this information is based on self-disclosure.

IV. Commission for the Blind, Steve Cook

Mr. Cook, Assistive Technology Consultant, SC Commission for the Blind provided an overview and presentation of the Commission stating the end goal is to put blind individuals & those with vision impairment to work.

The Commission assist individuals with vision impairment learn basic skills including but not limited to brail, cooking, sewing, home management skills, woodworking projects, along with orientation and mobility which teaches individuals cane skills, techniques, maneuverability skills, etc.

Mr. Cook provided information on the Adjustment to blindness program, Training & Employment program, Assistive Technology and Guide dogs and the etiquette for the general public's interaction regarding acknowledging, petting, etc. a guide dog when he or she is considered working.

V. Priority Population Definitions

Ms. Graham reported the State Workforce Development Board has a Priority Populations Committee which provided several definitions included in WIOA of 'Priority Populations' (i.e. homeless, persons with disabilities, veterans, youth with barriers, long term unemployment, ex-offenders) stating some definitions are more detailed than others. Ms. Graham referred to pages 10-48 for these definitions provided for Committee members review noting that page 17 shows the labor force for SC. For our region, the population is 1.497478 million people with 219,705 being the population with disabilities which is 14.7% of our population in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties. Ms. Graham continued explaining that the labor force in our region between the ages of 18-63 is 707,665 and noting the percentages of veterans, youth with barriers, those living in poverty, ex-offenders, etc. are also broken down and included in these reports.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Pruitt brought back for discussion changing the name of this Committee from Persons with Disabilities to Priority of Populations which was tabled at the May 12, 2016 Committee meeting. Committee members agreed Priority of Populations better defines the population of individuals we serve. Following discussions, the Committee chose not to take action at this time and to table the item until the next meeting in an effort review more in-depth and allow Committee members a chance to further review other alternatives and options for identifying this Committee.

Ms. Graham referred to the application for Chris Sparrow to join this committee as an ad hoc member. Pat Pruitt called for a motion to approve and accept.

Committee Action: Edgar Brown made a motion to approve and accept the application from Chris Sparrow as an ad hoc committee member as submitted, seconded by Susan Stockton. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Patty Manley