

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Priority Populations Committee Meeting Summary
SC Works Clemson Comprehensive Center at East Park
Thursday, March 8, 2018
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Members Present

Lisa Gillespie (chair) Susan Stockton

Members Absent

Billy Gibson Edgar Brown Pat Pruitt Pam Cobb

Mike Wallace Chris Sparrow

Staff Present

Jennifer Kelly Meredith Durham

Guests Present

James Thompson Jessica Adamchek

I. Welcome and Introductions

Lisa Gillespie, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and announced that a quorum was not present, so the meeting would be informational only. Introductions were made of everyone attending.

II. Approval of the January 11, 2018 Minutes

The minutes from the January 11, 2018 meeting were emailed with the meeting notice and included in the meeting packet. Chair Gillespie stated that the minutes from the January 11, 2018 meeting would be sent to committee members for an electronic vote.

III. Committee Education

Chair Gillespie introduced James Thompson, who is an SSVF Intake Specialist with The Alston Wilkes Society (AWS). Mr. Thompson introduced Jessica Adamchek, a SSVF Case Manager with AWS that assisted him in the presentation.

Mr. Thompson distributed the 2017 Point in Time Count Report, which shows the total number of homeless persons by county. The report can also be narrowed to show a specific population of individuals (such as Veterans, Disability, Mental Illness, Demographics). In the WorkLink area, the number of homeless persons is as follows:

- Anderson County: 148 total homeless, 8 homeless Veterans
- Pickens County: 31 total homeless, 1 homeless Veteran
- Oconee County: 63 total homeless, 3 homeless Veterans

Mr. Thompson noted that there are more homeless individuals who are not captured in this report, because they choose not to identify themselves as homeless.

Mr. Thompson's role at The Alston Wilkes Society is to identify homeless Veterans and assist them with receiving necessary services. The primary goal is to assist the individuals with receiving housing. Clients are assigned to a case manager, who assists them with services for 90 days. The case manager develops a Housing and Income Plan and refers clients to partners as needed. If a client would like to resume services after 90 days, he/she must provide paystubs or a VA reward letter and a bank statement to the case manager for review to determine if services are needed. Alston Wilkes Society offers Adult Re-entry, Youth, and Veteran Programs. AWS has 4 Residential Reentry Centers in Columbia, Charleston, Florence, and Fayetteville. There are 10 regional Community Service Coordinators that serve all SC counties, providing case management, counseling, and employment services. There is also a Veterans Transitional Home and a High Management Group Home/Residential Facility for Youth. Referral forms are available at all partner agencies.

Mr. Thompson will send out the 2018 Point in Time Homelessness Report to Susan Stockton, who will distribute it to the committee.

IV. WorkLink's Data

Ms. Jennifer Kelly referred to page 4 to show the Community Profile for the WorkLink area. The unemployment rate for those with disabilities is 8.8%. Ms. Kelly pointed to pages 34-37 to show the Targeted Population Reports with an emphasis on Individuals with Disability and Offender Status.

V. Other Business

Chair Gillespie called for other business.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m. noting the next meeting date of May 10th.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Durham.