

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Priority Populations Committee Meeting Summary
SC Works Clemson Comprehensive Center at East Park
Thursday, May 17, 2018
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Members Present

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| Lisa Gillespie (chair) | Edgar Brown | Patrick Pruitt | Susan Stockton |
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Members Absent

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| Billy Gibson | Mike Wallace | Chris Sparrow |
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Staff Present

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| Windy Graham | Meredith Durham |
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Guests Present

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| Karen Hamrick | Susan Ingles | Shea Marsden | Jackie Taylor |
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I. Welcome and Introductions

Lisa Gillespie, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded for processing of minutes. Introductions were made of everyone attending.

II. Approval of the March 8, 2018 Minutes

The minutes from the March 8, 2018 meeting were emailed with the meeting notice and included in the meeting packet.

ACTION TAKEN: Patrick Pruitt made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Susan Stockton. The motion carried with a majority vote.

III. Committee Education

Chair Gillespie introduced Ms. Susan Ingles, Senior Staff Attorney with SC Legal Services. SC Legal Services is a statewide non-profit law firm, mainly funded by the SC Bar and Legal Services Corporation. There are a few smaller grants that are used to cover a special population or area (ex. foreclosures).

SC Legal Services provides free legal assistance in a variety of civil (non-criminal) legal matters to eligible low income residents of South Carolina. Some of the areas of law that can be handled include Consumer, Education, Employment, Family, Housing, Health, and more. To be eligible for SC Legal Services, household income may not exceed 125% of the Federal poverty level. Each case is examined on merit. SC Legal Services has a Financial Empowerment program called "Your Money, Your Goals". This

program is available to the public at no cost. There is a toolkit with three companion guides—Individuals with Disabilities, Re-entry Individuals, and Native Americans. The “Your Money, Your Goals” program can be delivered at a statewide, small group, or individual level. Ms. Ingles mentioned that when the Financial Empowerment program is taught to a small group, the teacher includes “Eye Openers”, which are little known facts about law on a specific subject matter. SC Legal Services measures individual outcomes using their financial well-being calculator.

SC Legal Services also provides other free one hour legal clinics to the community. There are also educational materials, including brochures, videos, and online classrooms available to the public for use. Ms. Ingles distributed a “Behind on Bills” tool as an example of many tools that are available to their clients. To learn more about specific services that SC Legal Services offers, visit www.scllegal.org.

IV. WorkLink’s Data

Windy Graham referred to the Targeted Population Reports, which shows how many WIOA participants have entered by demographics. The barrier listed as Individuals with Disabilities are only those who’ve identified as having a disability. Ms. Graham referred to the Community Profile for the WorkLink area. The Community Profile is published through the Labor Market Exchange. To see the Community Profile Report, visit www.scworks.org and click on Labor Market home. The reports can be broken down by county, metropolitan, or workforce development area. The 20 largest employers are listed in the report in alphabetical order. Ms. Graham also pointed to the labor market projections, which are used to aid in which employers to target for On-the-Job training and to determine self-sufficiency wage for the OJT program. The unemployment rate for the WorkLink region is 3%, and for those with disabilities is 20.9 %.

Ms. Graham stated that she and Susan Stockton attended training on Invisible Disabilities in the Workplace. Resources and information from the training were listed in the packet.

V. Other Business

Ms. Graham stated that in order to ensure a quorum is present, each committee member should notify her if unable to attend a meeting.

Mr. Brown announced that on June 7th at Crowne Plaza in Greenville, there will be a job fair for Electricians. Several contractors with job openings will be in attendance. Experience is not needed to attend.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Durham