

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Priority Populations Committee Meeting Summary
SC Works Clemson Comprehensive Center at East Park
Thursday, August 9th, 2018
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Members Present

Lisa Gillespie (chair) Patrick Pruitt Chris Sparrow

Members Absent

Edgar Brown Billy Gibson Susan Stockton

Staff Present

Trent Acker

Guests Present

Shea Marsden

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 May 17, 2018 Minutes

The minutes from the 5/17/18 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 Chris Sparrow. The motion carried with a majority vote.

III. Committee Education

Chair Gillespie introduced Mr. Shea Marsden, Program Coordinator II/ Job Developer with the Department of Social Services (DSS). The Department of Social Services provides protective services for children and vulnerable adults, helping individuals achieve stability and strengthening families.

DSS provides protective services, adoption, and foster care services. The Division of Economic Services through DSS administers economic assistance programs including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The TANF program provides employment and

training for individuals receiving cash assistance. DSS also administers food assistance programs in every county. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a program designed to assist low income individuals in purchasing food. DSS has many other programs, including child support services and fatherhood initiatives. Mr. Marsden stated that the Department of Social Services has funds available for work-related training programs.

IV. WorkLink's Data

Mr. Trent Acker referred to the Targeted Population Reports, which shows how many WIOA participants have been entered by demographics. The barrier listed as Individuals with Disabilities are only those who've identified as having a disability. Mr. Acker 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. Mr. Acker 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 minimum wage for the OJT program. The unemployment rate for the WorkLink region is 4%, and for those with disabilities is 8.3 %.

V. Other Business

Mr. Pat Pruitt spoke with Laura Feldman about hosting a Disability Benefits and Employment Workshop in the Oconee or Pickens areas. An ADA compliant space large enough for 10-12 vendors and approximately 40 individuals is needed.

There were 21 attendees at the SC Works Clemson Expungement workshop. SC Works is planning to hold an Expungement workshop once per quarter.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Durham