



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Priority Populations Committee Meeting Minutes
SC Works Clemson Comprehensive Center at East Park
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Members Present

Lisa Gillespie, Chair
Susan Stockton

Emily Hodge

Patrick Pruitt

Members Absent

Stephanie Collins

Edgar Brown

Billy Gibson

Staff Present

Windy Graham

Guests

Stephanie Enders

I. Welcome and Introductions

Lisa Gillespie, Chair called the meeting to order. Ms. Gillespie announced that the meeting will be recorded in order to process the minutes. Chair Gillespie welcomed everyone and called for introductions.

II. Approval of the January 08, 2019 Minutes*

The minutes from the 01/08/19 meeting were emailed with the meeting notice and included in the meeting packet. Chair Gillespie called for any corrections or amendments to the minutes.

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 – Ripple of One Project

Ms. Stephanie Enders, Executive Director of Ripple of One, presented the history and services information of Ripple of One. Ripple of One was formed after a conversation with United Way of Oconee to discuss a way to incentivize struggling families to move beyond government assistance. Ms. Enders gained insight after spending 15 years volunteering in homeless shelters and in the Family Friends program. Ripple of One has financial, relational, educational, and health programs. Ripple of One offer their client's incentives that make them successful in their journey and keep them motivated throughout the program. Some incentives include monthly rewards, a savings match, and paid internships. Ripple of One currently serves 55 adults and children. Ms. Enders showed the committee a video about Ripple of One's programs.

Ms. Windy Graham, staff to the WorkLink Board, referenced reports in the packet.

Our targeted population WIOA data is found on pages 5-8. Aggregate information is given for July 01, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

The Community Profile was also available in the packet, beginning on page 9. Ms. Graham stated that the Community Profile shows economic, demographic, industry, occupation, and education data for the Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens area. The report can be revised to show individual counties.

WorkLink's unemployment rate is 4.2%, and the population of those with disabilities is higher at 9.0%. The percentage of our labor force with a disability is 20.5% (data from US Department of Labor). This information was provided in the front of the committee packet.

IV. **Other Business**

Ms. Graham stated that Chris Sparrow from AbleSC resigned from the committee. The State Workforce Board made the Priority Populations Services report that was provided in the packet. Ms. Graham stated March is Intellectual Disabilities month.

A recommendation to assist Vocational Rehabilitation in their October event that brings awareness to Individuals with Disabilities was brought to the committee. The committee will discuss this opportunity in May.

V. **Adjourn**

The next meeting will be May 14, 2019.