

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Priority Populations Committee Meeting Minutes
SC Works Clemson Comprehensive Center at East Park
Tuesday, August 4, 2020
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Members Present

Lisa Gillespie, Chair Susan Stockton

Members Absent

Stephanie Collins Patrick Pruitt Billy Gibson Margaret Camp

Edgar Brown Emily Hodge

Staff Present

Windy Graham Meredith Durham

Guests Present Matt Fields

l. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Approval of the May 5, 2020 Minutes

The minutes from the 5/5/2020 meeting were emailed with the meeting notice and included in the meeting packet.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Emily Hodge made a motion via electronic voting to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Margaret Camp. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. Committee Education - Center Update

Mr. Matt Fields from Eckerd Connects provided an update on the status of the WorkLink SC Works centers. The Anderson and Clemson SC Works centers opened in person on May 26, 2020. The Anderson center opened in the Tri County Technical College Anderson campus until July 15, 2020. Masks and temperature checks are required upon entry to each SC Works center. Masks are available to jobseekers if they need one. Easley and Seneca have been open approximately three weeks. Printed resources are also available on the outside of each center. Mr. Fields stated that announcements are posted via social media. Lunch cleanings to wipe down highly touched surfaces have been added as an extra precaution. WIOA services are available by phone and email. Mr. Fields stated that UI initial claims have seen a downward trend in the last few weeks. The centers have signage and visual cues to help jobseekers physically distance.

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

The Community Profile was available in the packet, beginning on page 4. 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 and is updated approximately every 6 weeks.

Our targeted population WIOA data is found on page 34. Aggregate information is given for July to June 2020. Demographics and disability data has stayed the same. Military information is listed on page 35. Nine veterans have been enrolled into the WIOA program this program year.

WorkLink's unemployment rate is 12.5% statewide, and the population of those with disabilities is higher nationwide at 16.5%. The percentage of our labor force with a disability is 21.0% (data from US Department of Labor).

IV. Adjourn

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Durham