

Option 2 proposes different wording/verbiage for the Workshop Goal to focus more on quality than quantity.

Option 3 investigating online workshop options (drawback is that quality options are fee based).

Option 4 proposes looking at best practices.

Kal Kunkel recommended looking at a lower denomination of attendees to workshops and look at online options.

Committee members inquired if the Strategic Plan could be modified. Following discussions, committee members asked for Staff recommendation on whether to keep Workshop attendance in the Strategic Plan or not. If this goal is to be kept, which option would be recommended by staff. Ms. Kelly responded if Workshop attendance is to be kept as an objective, she would recommend the sliding scale option. Mr. Acker responded this Committee has the authority to decide whether or not to keep the Workshop goal in the Strategic Plan. Ms. Kelly recommended by using Option 1, scenario 3 by increasing workshop attendees and by using a sliding scale of 4% based on historical data and combining it with Option 4, evaluating and improving the quality of workshops offered.

Vice Chair Bowers recommended all voting items to be conducted via email in an effort to include in the February Board meeting items for approval.

b. Self-sufficiency Rate

Ms. Kelly gave a brief update on the Self-Sufficiency Rate pilot. Ms. Kelly reported the Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Grant Committee made a decision to pilot the self-sufficiency wage of 200% or \$12.32/hr for the local IWT grant proposing this Committee wait to see how employers react to the slightly higher pay rate for the local IWT grant. Only one employer stated that this requirement kept them from applying for IWT funds. Ms. Manley has begun gathering feedback in regards to the self-sufficiency rate for OJT employers.

IV. Reports

a. Employer Services

Patty Manley referred to page 11 stating no new OJT contracts have been written. However, she continues to meet with employers and send out information, and hopes to soon have a new contract written with a WIOA participant scheduled to complete the Heavy Equipment Operator training at TCTC in the next month or so.

Ms. Manley also reported local IWT grants were awarded to 8 local companies as shown on page 12. To date, no training has begun but several companies have started scheduling training.

The 2017 SC Works WorkLink Annual Job Fair has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 21 from 9am – Noon stating that employers will be charged a \$25 registration fee and the registration deadline is set for March 10.

b. SC Works System

Mr. Kunkel referred to pages 13-17 providing an update on the Usage Report as provided in the packet. Mr. Steve Riddle referred to page 16 reporting on the enrollments for PY16: GED 39 enrolled; 43 enrolled Occup Training; Obligated 69% of training funds to date and used \$44,000 of AIM and TCTC's training funds. Pages 18-21 show success stories of WIOA participants from Anderson, Oconee & Pickens counties.

c. WIOA Adult/DW Program

Mr. Kunkel referred to page 22 reporting on the Adult program.

- Page 23 shows the DW budget reminding committee members that a large portion of funds had been transferred
- Page 24 shows the Operator Adult budget which mainly consists of salaries
- Page 25 shows the RR budget and is 45% expended
- Page 26 shows the Adult/DW training expenditures are on target
- Page 27 – Ms. Kelly reported WorkLink received a 'clean' monitoring report as completed by SC DEW.

V. New Business

a. Budget Modification 3

Eckerd is requesting \$25,000 for tuition for Dislocated Workers. Staff recommends requesting the \$25,000 be requested from the State. An electronic vote will be sent in order to request \$25,000 from DEW for the purpose of funding ITA costs associated with classroom training. Upon award from DEW, Eckerd's Rapid Response budget will be modified to add \$25,000 to their budget for the purpose of funding classroom training and associated books, exams and fees.

b. Report Format

Ms. Kelly referred to the reports provided at each meeting and requested if committee members prefer to see different information to please let that be known.

c. Request for Proposals/Extension of Grant Awards

Ms. Kelly stated that it was the appropriate time to extend the Eckerd Grant award for the period of one year 7/1/17 to 6/30/18. Vice Chair Bowers inquired if committee members present preferred to have discussion and make inquiries to Eckerd staff as information.

Eckerd staff was excused.

Ms. Kelly stated WorkLink is required to go out for bid every 4 years and we are currently in our 2nd year stating if the committee wanted to extend as is everything would remain as in place: Operator; Adult/DW Program; and On-the-Job Training Coordination.

Following discussion, Committee members agreed to Extend Eckerd Workforce Development Services grants for both the OneStop Operator and Adult/Dislocated Worker Program for one year, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Ms. Kelly will include in this item in the email for electronic vote.

Eckerd staff were invited back to meeting.

d. Next Meeting Date

Mr. Bowers reported the next meeting is scheduled for March 22. Trent, Sharon and Jennifer will be out of town on this date at the SETA workforce conference. Possible next meeting date suggestions are - Wednesday, March 15 or Thursday, March 23.

Members present preferred to meet on Wednesday, March 15.

VI. Other Business

a. Job Search Regulations

Mr. Acker reported job search requirements have changed regarding UI claimants stating there is a proposed regulation to go before legislation to require 2 job searches per week to be done via SCWOS which could help to generate increased traffic into the local Centers.

Mr. Acker also reported there will be a new UI system to go live sometime in March and we are anticipating some hiccups with it being a new system.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Patty Manley