

Governor’s State Workforce Development Board
November 9, 2021 SC Works Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Mr. Warren Snead
Mr. John Uprichard
Mr. Dan Ellzey
Mr. Gregory Tinnell

Members Excused:

Mr. H. Perry Shuping

Welcome and Opening Remarks Mr. Warren Snead, Committee Chair

Mr. Warren Snead, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2021* Mr. Snead

Mr. Gregory Tinnell motioned to approve the August 26, 2021, meeting minutes. Mr. John Uprichard seconded the motion, and the Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

SC Works Certification Standards..... Ms. Nina Stagers

Ms. Nina Stagers reported on the process of reviewing and updating the SC Works Certification Standards. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires the State Workforce Development Board (SWDB), in consultation with chief elected officials and Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs), to establish criteria and procedures for LWDBs to use when certifying one-stop centers. The SWDB is required to review and update the criteria every two years as part of the review and modification of the WIOA State Plan. Ms. Stagers explained that staff reviewed the existing standards and identified opportunities to streamline the standards and remove duplication. Partners and LWDA administrators had the opportunity to provide feedback on the standards during a 7-day public comment period starting in October 2021. Three entities commented on the standards:

- Upper Savannah LWDA
- Upstate LWDA
- SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department

A review of the comments resulted in the following revisions:

- Defining terminology
- Limiting certain standards to specific programs
- Updating language to reflect current regulations
- Removing standards to avoid duplication and/or align expectations with current center operations

Ms. Stagers stated that DEW would release the revised standards at the end of January 2022. Local areas will have until June 30, 2022, to complete the center certification process.

PY’20 Fiscal and Program Performance..... Mr. Zach Nickerson

Mr. Zach Nickerson provided a Program Year (PY) 2020 performance update covering LWDA performance on state-specific fiscal measures and negotiated Federal program measures. He shared the following highlights:

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- Two areas did not meet state fiscal performance measures at the end of PY’20, compared to 7 areas in PY’19
- Three local areas did not meet the negotiated program measures for PY’20, compared to all areas meeting the negotiated performance measures in PY’19

The five areas that did not meet fiscal or program performance measures will submit a written explanation by November 12, 2021, summarizing the barriers that prevented them from achieving performance. Staff will provide a detailed review of fiscal and program performance at the December 2021 SWDB meeting, along with a recommendation regarding PY’20 performance in reference to the state sanctions policy.

Other Business/Adjourn.....Mr. Snead

Mr. Dan Ellzey, Executive Director, SC Department of Employment and Workforce, commented on the state’s employment situation, stating that employment continues to grow and unemployment continues to decline. He also shared that job postings have increased, and UI Trust Fund expenditures are decreasing. Mr. Snead informed members of the SWDB meeting on December 14, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. The Committee did not discuss any other business. The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.