

KERR-TAR
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD/CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Kerr-Tar Council of Governments, Henderson, NC

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB) MEMBERS: Hal Muetzel, Fred Keller Leo Kelly, , Monica Satterwhite, Barbara Buchanan, Allison Thomas (by phone), Phillip Betts, Gordon Agingu, Rob Wiliford, Tana Chamberlain (by phone), John Alston, McKinley Perkinson, Vanessa Cooke – Alvarado, Sara Lloyd (by phone) , Jerry Edmonds, Yolanda Uvalle

COG/LA STAFF: Lou Grillo, Desiree Brooks, Deborah Cozart, Donna Lee and Diane Cox

SERVICE PROVIDERS: Stacy Graham

DWS STAFF: Jennifer Jones

Welcome – Hal Muetzel

Chairperson, Hal Mutzel, Chair, welcomed members and guests to meeting.

Program & Performance PY 22 Update - Deborah Cozart:

- Snapshot of the performance indicator goals for all WIOA for PY22 including Adult Priority Populations, Adult Priority of Services. All areas were in the green.
- Two success stories were highlighted:
 - Michael Sutera with the Dislocated Worker Program completed CDL and all required exams and works full time at Smooth Contractors.
 - Tammy Mills completed and attained her CDL and makes \$20 an hour

Youth Program PY 22 Update - Kelly:

- Work Experience (WEX) – 14
- On-the-Job Training (OJT) – 5
- Occupational Skills Training – 27
- Youth Hired - 46
- Youth Total Services Provided – 774
- Youth Unique Individuals Served – 121
- Upcoming Event – Youth Regional Resource Fair in April 2023.
- Kerr-Tar NextGen Success Story – James, with the NextGen program, completed an OJT assignment with Clayton Homes, Oxford, NC
- **Business Services PY 22 Update- Desiree Brooks:**
 - Businesses Served: - 223
 - Services Provided – 1,774
 - Employers Self Service – 601
 - Registered Employers- 24
 - Career Center Customers Hired – 131
 - OJT Training Participants – 12
 - Work Experiences – 16
- Overview of Job Fair Services – There were quite a few job fair/event services within the area such as
 - single employer events – Marshalls, Hardees Plastic Ingenuity, and Meelcorp, Bandag
 - Young Adult Hiring Event – Raleigh Road Outdoor Theater, May 9, 2023. - Hybrid formats, and industry specific events.
 - CyberHire 2023 – first one of its kind on Friday, February 24 – 10 employers and 40 job seekers

- “Expanding Your Workforce Center – sponsored by the Henderson Vance County Chamber of Commerce – overview of career center services
- Incumbent worker Training – retraining employees and employer is reimburse up to \$10,000
- Current Events – Workforce Wednesday held each week for customers with an employer onsite, virtual reality session, and a resume workshop.
- Upcoming Events – NC DOT Franklin County Hiring Event, October 24, 2023 from 9 am until 2 pm here at the career center.

Director’s Report – Lou Grillo:

- Expanded Self-Service Expungement
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Kerr Tar Workforce Development Board received a 2023 NADO Impact Award for our work in Reentry Services and the Reentry Roundtable. The Aliceann Wohlbruck NADO Impact Award (formerly the Innovation Award) honors significant advances in community and economic development, small business finance, energy and infrastructure projects, housing and human services, sustainable development, workforce development, and more.

WDB Executive Committee:

- Current term ends June 30, 2024 – Chair and Vice-Chair
 - Must be a business/industry member and serve a 2 year term

NCWorks Career Center Updates:

- Modern aesthetics and technology – open lobby and Customer Resource Center, 3 video conference capable rooms, Virtual Reality Career Awareness equipment, Virtual Services discussions
- Employer Engagement has Increased – utilizing space for hiring events, corporate meetings and trainings
- Job Seeker Services – Workforce Wednesday and Innovation workshops and outreach.
- Traffic count for PY 22 was 3,365.

***There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Hundley, Workforce Development Program Specialist

