

**Southern Maryland Workforce Development Board
Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland
Leonardtown, MD
September 14, 2017**

Minutes

Members Present: Mike Benton (Chair), Edie McGreevy, Christi Lombardi, Stephanie Witte, Kelly Winters, Stacey Cook, Suzie Miller, Maurice Chase, Cindy Rauner, Alan Crawley, Laurel James (representative)

Members Absent: Francisco Kuidlan, Todd Leitch, Raveen Taylor, Marcia Keeth, Therese Wolf, James Yuhase, Doris Cammack-Spencer, Carrie Willmore

Staff Present: Ruthy Davis, Pam Wilkerson, Norma Dorsett, Leonard Green, Lindsey Almond and Hans Welch

Guest Present: TaNaia Robinson-Norris

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:11 am by Mike Benton, Chairman.

WELCOME

Mike opened the meeting with a welcome and acknowledgment of the attendees. Mike announced upcoming plans to reengineer the Board to align with the local plan. The December meeting will not be held while this reengineering effort is underway.

MISSION MOMENT- TaNaia Robinson-Norris

Chair Mike Benton introduced TaNaia Robinson-Norris, youth participant and Youth Program Specialist for the Youth & Young Adult Program Team. TaNaia shared her many positive experiences as a participant in the WIOA Youth Program and that she is now working with the program in a "Work-Based Learning" role.

She also described her experience as the first young adult to represent Maryland on the Governor's Office for Children's "Disconnected/Opportunity Youth Results Based Leadership Program," an initiative in conjunction with the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Since there was not a quorum present, the business matters were moved to a later time in the agenda.

2017 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Norma Dorsett, Youth and Young Adult Program Manager provided the Board with a presentation on the success of the 2017 Summer Youth Employment Program.

- Summer youth were paid \$10 per hour
- 35-40 hours average work week
- Total: 41 participants enrolled, 39 completed
- Calvert County – 8, Charles County – 25, St. Mary's County–6
- Employers from numerous industries participated

Norma announced that the Grand Opening of the new Youth & Young Adult American Job Center is scheduled for 10 am – 12 noon on September 29, 2018. The new center is located at 102 Paul Mellon Court, Suite 104, Waldorf, Maryland.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS UPDATE

Lindsey Almond, Discretionary Grants Manager, provided a report on discretionary grants;

EARN Grant (Southern Maryland Healthcare Industry Alliance) Completed:

- 37 participants enrolled - CNA/GNA
- 33 entered employment
- 26 attained their certification

The College of Southern Maryland Foundation donated \$50K to support this program.

Maryland Tech Connection - 95 people have been enrolled in the last two years. The greatest barrier for cybersecurity job seekers in our region is the lack of security clearances. Lindsey shared a success story from a participant who wrote about the program and the tremendous support received from the MTC Navigator, Rodney Giles.

Military Corps Career Connect (C3) Grant - Lindsey provided an update regarding the successes of this new grant, being coordinated by C3 Navigator Melanie Kramer:

- Currently 26 participants have enrolled
- 6 have found gainful employment

WIOA NEWS

Ruthy Davis reported that the Resource Sharing Agreement has been completed, with required partner contributions per WIOA Law. This process will be monitored regularly. She also reported that the recertification of the Board has been completed by the Governor's Workforce Development Board.

ADJOURN

With no public present to comment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am. Board members then toured the Mobile Career Center, parked outside.