**Region 2000 Workforce Development Area VII**

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**Workforce Development Board Meeting**

**3:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2016**

**Central Virginia Community College**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Nat Marshall – Chair,Blondie Anderson**,** ScottBrabrand, Sierria Carvajal, Selina Elswick, Ebo Fauber, Walter Fore, Scott Gillespie, Sonny Harvey, Ruth Hendrick, Phillip Jamerson, Christine Kennedy, Ron Lovelace, John Mastroianni, Kimberly McIvor, James Mundy, Tamara Rosser, Luke Saechao, Roxanne Slaughter, Clay Stein (for Linda LaMona), Wendell Walker

**Members Absent, Excused:**  Traci Blido, Scott Francis, Dennis Knight, Susan Martin

**Members Absent:** Joe Byron, Chris Markham, Cheryl Toler, Sterling Wilder

**Staff Present:** Ben Bowman, Gary Christie, Susan Cook, Lori Cumbo, Rosalie Majerus

**Others Present**: Kenneth Campbell - Amherst County, Margaret Carmel – News & Advance, Nina Chambers, – Region 2000, Mike Davidson – Campbell County Economic Development, Georgia Fauber – Kroll Identity Theft, Bob Good – Campbell County, Dennis Jarvis – Altavista Economic Development, Bryan Moody - Appomattox County, Frank Strickler – Virginia Jobs Investment Partnership, Jeff Taylor – Appomattox County Economic Development, Treney Tweedy - Goodwill Ind.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Nat Marshall welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of the April 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

The motion was made by Walter Fore, and seconded by Jim Mundy, to approve the April 12 minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. **Review of YTD Financial Report and FY17 Budget**

Rosalie Majerus reported although there are still some June invoices outstanding we will come in under budget on most line items. There will probably be a carry forward of about $530,000. This is partly due to savings in the Workforce Center due to the move and less activity.

Ben Bowman advised that there is an allotment of funding set aside to use for adult and dislocated workers. Money has also been set aside for some pilot projects for youth.

Ms. Majerus also reported that the Finance Committee met last week and tentatively approved the budget for next year. Ron Lovelace made a motion to accept the budget for FY17. The motion was seconded by Roxanne Slaughter, and approved unanimously by those present.

1. **Board Members for Chief Local Elected Officials Approval**

Nat Marshall presented a proposed slate of Board Members for PY17. This list will be presented to the CLEOs for certification. The motion was made by Ebo Fauber to send this list to the CLEOs for certification, and seconded by Ron Lovelace. The motion carried unanimously.

1. **Election of Officers for 2017**

Ebo Fauber reported that the Nominating Committee has a slate of officers to present to the Board for approval, and asked Nat Marshall to open the floor for nominations. There being no other nominations, Mr. Fauber presented the slate recommending that Nat Marshall continue as the Chair, and Sierria Carvajal as Vice-Chair for one year. Walter Fore seconded this recommendation, and the officers were unanimously approved.

**6. Workforce Center Grand Opening and Center Visits**

Nat Marshall reported that the Workforce Center held a grand opening on June 27, with the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Maurice Jones, present. Treney Tweedy of Goodwill, assisted by Region 2000 Intern Nina Campbell, presented photos of the grand opening event and explained the layout of the new location. Ms. Tweedy provided numbers for May and June documenting people who came into the center for services.

Ms. Tweedy also presented pictures and information on the Region 2000 Youth Works Center located on Florida Avenue.

Ms. Tweedy reported that a group recently visited and toured the Workforce Center in Martinsville and the Franklin Center in Rocky Mount.

**7. Public Comment Period**

Dennis Jarvis, Altavista Economic Development Director, thanked Mike Davidson, Megan Lucas, and Ben Bowman for assistance in acquiring The Standard Insurance, which will open a call center in the Lane Office Complex in Altavista, potentially hiring almost 200 people.

Mr. Jarvis also was thankful for the assistance of the Rapid Response Team that assisted with the Timken closing.

**8. Partner Updates**

* Adult & Career Education of Central Virginia – Luke Saechao reported that approximately 364 adults were enrolled in their program the past year, with 41 receiving a high school equivalency. Dr. Saechao also explained that in the future there will probably be more than one high school equivalency test.
* Goodwill – Treney Tweedy reported that there is a new format for the narrative reporting, and that will be forthcoming.
* Job Corps – John Mastroianni reported that their contract has been extended through December, 2016 and funding has been increased. He also informed the Board that he will be retiring.
* DARS – Roxanne Slaughter reported that DARS at any given time serves about 750 youth and adult with disabilities. So far this year they have placed approximately 220 individuals in employment.
* VEC – Kimberly McIvor distributed a performance summary to Board members. She hopes that in the future more of the partners will be located there on a long term basis.

**9. Director’s Report**

Ben Bowman reported that the final federal regulations for the WIOA came out June 30th.

Mr. Bowman also reported that the governor has some funds that he is directing towards the private sector to target high need employment areas. Construction is one of those areas in this region. Appomattox Public Schools has expressed interest in doing more with construction technology and he hopes to tie this in with some of the funding.

He also stated that he would like to invest some of the dislocated worker funding into getting people such as those at Genworth back into the workforce with Pacific Life and The Standard insurance companies.

Mr. Bowman informed the Board that along with John Mastroianni, Joe Byron and Ebo Fauber will be stepping down from the Workforce Board.

**10. Adjourn & Tour of CVCC Technical Training Resources**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.