



Workforce Development Board Area 81

Pulling Together For a Better Tomorrow

Full Board Workforce Development Board Area 81 Meeting
 1162 Oliver Road, Suite 9, Monroe LA 71201
 February 18, 2016, 12 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT
Moore, Pat/Liaison for OPPJ	Barron, Joe
Nicholson, Susan	Bruno Dr., Nick
Amelin, Gwendolyn	January, Ibra
Burris, Nancy	Justice, William
Burtram, Brad	Lee, Rochelle
Cerda, Kathy	Mathis, Edmond
Green Sr., Damion	Merritt, Melodi
Givens, Eddie	
Hartmann, Robert	
Hopkins, John	
Inabnett, Carrick	
Jones, Shelia	
Palmer, Joshua	
Pierre, Elizabeth	
Pilcher, Frank	
Sharbono, Kaye	
Stephenson, Paul	
Stout, Ronald	
Greg DeClouet-LWC	
Deidre Jackson-LDOE	
Doretha Bennett-Director/Staff	
Deela Woods-Assistant Director/Staff	

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**Minutes of the Ouachita Parish
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CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Susan Nicholson, Chair, called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

INVOCATION

John Hopkins gave the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Chair, Susan Nicholson asked members and staff to introduce themselves for the record.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 29, 2015 MINUTES

Elizabeth Pierre made a motion to accept the December 29, 2015 minutes. Paul Stephenson seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appeal for Eligible Training Provider (action)

An appeal was received from Second Chance of Northern Louisiana for two programs (Life Skills Training & Job Placement and Assistance). These programs were rejected as Provider Services by Louisiana Workforce Commission due to the programs do not train a demand or high demand occupation, which is a requirement of state policy. Deela Woods asked the Board to review this appeal and make an appeal decision. There was a brief discussion concerning how the provider provides services. Also discussed that the programs were not high demand occupations. John Hopkins made a motion to deny this appeal for these programs due to not being high demand occupations. Eddie Givens seconded. Motion carried.

B. Individual Training Account Change (action)

Deela Woods asked approval to change the amount paid for training from \$2000 to \$3500; and Ms. Bennett asked the Board to consider approval to change the amount paid for training not to exceed \$5000 per semester; the total costs not to exceed \$15,000 for the entire training duration due the cuts at the State level, and also she stated so much of the WIOA funds must be spend on training. This request approval of change is for the Youth, Adults and Dislocated Worker Programs. Carrick Inabnett made a motion to approve this change in payment amount for training not to exceed \$5000 per semester and not to exceed \$15,000 for the entire training duration. Elizabeth Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

C. Approval to Hire Monitor (action)

A Monitor will do compliance review for the files, contracts, some admin finance, and on-site visits. This Monitor will be for Region 8 at a shared cost. Deela Woods asked for approval to hire a local regional Monitor. There was a brief discussion concerning the previous local regional monitor position which was with LWDB83. Robert Hartmann made a motion to approve the hiring of a Monitor. Damion Green seconded. Motion carried.

D. Jump Start Program Presentation

Jump Start Program is a new paradigm for career and technical education (CTE), requiring students to attain an industry-promulgated, industry-valued credential in order to graduate high school. Jump Start is Louisiana's innovative career and technical education (CTE) program; (Jump Start is an elective path for students pursuing a university-preparatory diploma.) Deidre Jackson, a contractor with Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) gave a presentation to the board. There were several discussions as well as questions and answers. Also the Board Members that were present were given hand-outs.

Mr. Greg DeClouet with the Louisiana Workforce Commission stated that the local plan has to include how the LWDBs will work with the Jump Program.

Old Business

A. Selection of Committee Chairs

Ms. Bennett stated we will set dates to meet in order to discuss the duties and functions of the subcommittees so that committee chair persons may be selected.

Other Business

Ms. Bennett briefly discussed that the LWDB81 will be applying for two grants. She also briefly spoke concerning the WIOA Partners, Youth and One-Stop RFPs. Mr. Greg DeClouet with Louisiana Workforce Commission gave a brief summary of the Programs that are under Office of Workforce Development. Ms. Pat Moore commended the Staff of doing a good job in the absent of Ms. Bennett. She also spoke concerning training (construction & carpentry) using vacant adjudicated properties that are in her district. Ms. Bennett asked would the properties be donated for these purposes, and Ms. Moore stated yes the properties would be donated.

Public Comment

Deela Woods informed the Board about the Career Networking Event at the Monroe Civic Center on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 10AM in the Bayou Room. Ms. Nicholson gave invitation to the 2016 Northeast Louisiana Career Job Fair also at the Monroe Civic Center/Conference Hall on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 from 10AM to 2PM.

Adjournment

Ms. Nicholson called the meeting adjourn.