

CRATER REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024

2:00pm – VCW Prince George Center

1. Call To Order, Chair, Amanda Wilson 2:02pm

Roll Call by: Akira Mason

2. Public Comment

No Comment

3. Approval of Agenda

Benjamin Jarvela motion to approve

Kathy Anderson seconded

All in favor, no one opposed, motion carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Kathy Anderson motioned to approve

Jay Ellington seconded

All in favor, no one opposed, motion carried

5. New Business and Staff Reports

A. State of the Finances

Finance Director, Jaime Poole provided details about current financial standing. Nothing major to note.

B. General Business

Service Provider Updates

- Contract was terminated with Eckerd as of February 15th as was decided by the Board.
- Emergency waiver granted for temporary provision of services by the Board. Board staff and 2 case managers from Eckerd are currently working to maintain Title 1 services. Additional case managers are being interviewed with the goal of bring 2-3 more on in the next 90 days.
- RFP for Title 1 Services and One Stop Operations presented for release as required for competitive procurement.

Jay Ellington motion to release RFP

Benjamin Jarvela seconded

All in favor, no one opposed, motion carried

Emporia Center

- Continued discussions with Greenville County. Awaiting official documentation from the VEC for notice to vacate. Building options will be presented as identified.

EO Monitoring

- EO monitoring will has been conducted. Restrooms were the main accessibility concern. Building owner has been notified but decision regarding any changes remains with him.

Considerations/Concerns with DWDA Transition

- Provided information on fiscal changes forthcoming. The Board as an organization does not have cash reserves that would allow to “float” given delayed cash drawdown.
- Continued updates/changes to policy that directly affects local provision of services and operation of Centers without input from local boards.

C. Local Area/Board Responsibilities Overview

D. Workforce Wins & Needs

- Acknowledgement of the high levels of media coverage given the Civica/Ampak and Pharmaceutical Manufacturing focus in Petersburg.
- TechHub designation for Crater & Capital regions, potential grant funds forthcoming due to that designation
- Continued positive progress in current CNA class which is a partnership between Title 1 funds, CCWA and ABE
- 60 jobs added to the area (specifically Dinwiddie/Sussex) with the addition of new company, high wages expected for the technical/trade expertise needed

Meeting Adjourned 3:58pm

Attendees: Members- Natalie Meredith, Amanda Wilson (Chair), Benjamin Jarvela, Erice Burns, Stacey Mitchell, Sherrina Sewell, Yoti Jabri, D Burke George, Jay Ellington, Justin Pope, Kathy Anderson, Keith Boswell, Linda Gholson, Natalie Slate, David Conmy, Natalie Slate, Keith Boswell, John Brandt

Board Staff & Guests-Tabitha Taylor, Jaime Poole, Kurleen Patrick, Nadine Hall, John Johnson