

**CRATER REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**2:00pm – VCW Prince George Center**

**1. Call To Order, Vice Chair, Benjamin Jarvela @ 2:02pm**

Roll Call by: Tabitha Taylor

**2. Public Comment**

No Comment

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Jay Ellington motioned to approve

Natalie Meredith seconded

All in favor, no one opposed, motion carried

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Kathy Anderson motioned to approve

Justin May 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.

No concerns or major issues of note.

**B. Eligible Training Provider Review**

CW Consulting Group (Engage Program) was brought before the group for consideration to add to the state Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). ETPL Subcommittee members recommended that the provider/program not be added to the ETPL due to a number of factors. BOD discussed and the subcommittee's recommendation was upheld. Program will be denied addition to the ETPL at this time and factors that were not sufficiently met/address through the application and Q&A will be shared with the applicant.

**C. General Business**

- Title 1 Performance

Reviewed Q2 performance & discussed measurement of metrics for Title 1.

- Emporia Center Updates

Center is open & a grant opening will be planned sometime in the next few months.

- Supportive Service Policy Update

Policy updated to reflect the addition of ride share gift cards (Uber/Lyft, etc) to be an option for jobseekers requiring transportation assistance.

Kathy Anderson motioned to approve policy update as presented

Amanda Habansky seconded

All in favor, no one opposed, motion carried

- Local Plan

Update shared in regards to Local Plan posting for public comment & responses solicited from Board members, CLEOs, & community partners. Public survey for feedback also received a number of responses. Mission, vision & goals were discussed at length & updates made. Local Plan will remain open for public comment until March 30<sup>th</sup> which will meet the 14 day minimum requirement & comments will be added to the final document.

Diana Joyner motioned to approve the Local Plan as written with the addition of any new public comments received before the comment period ends.

Jay Ellington seconded.

All in favor, no one opposed, motion carried

- General Updates/Special Projects

Shared/discussed information on various topics.

#### D. Workforce Wins & Needs

N/a time expired.

Meeting Adjourned 4:01pm

Attendees: Members- Amanda Habansky, Benjamin Jarvela, Bill Di'Auto, David Bogese, Diana Joyner, Antonishia Simon (for Erice Burns), Jay Ellington, Justin May, Justin Pope, Kathy Anderson, Lenny Caballero, Linda Gholston, Matthew Baker, Natalie Meredith, Natalie Slate, Sherrina Sewell, Yoti Jabri

Board Staff & Guests-Tabitha Taylor, Jaime Poole, Kurleen Patrick