



MINUTES
WORKFORCE PERFORMANCE COUNCIL MEETING
 Zoom Conference Call
 August 4, 2021 | 1:30p.m.

Members		Members		Staff Present	Guest
Gary Clark, Chair	P	Sharon Wright	P	S. Campbell-Domineck	
Jorge Altieri	P	Derrick Woodard	P	Aralia Oldham-Wesley	
Karen Case	P	John Adams	E	Kathy Suttles	
Scott Dimmick	P			Shiva Ward	
Angela Garcia-Falconetti	P			Emilisse Ortiz	
Cynthia Jantomaso	P			Cynthia Adams	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Gary Clark at **1:30 p.m.** followed by introductions of all those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Clark called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Cyndi Jantomaso and seconded by Angela Garcia-Falconetti. The floor opened for discussion. There was no discussion. All voted. Motion carried unanimously.

TESTIMONIALS (N/A)

OLD BUSINESS (N/A)

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation: One-Stop Operator Compliance Report 4th Quarter PY2020-2021

Chair Clark called for a motion to approve the One-Stop Operator Compliance Report 4th Quarter. Floor opened for discussion. Chair Clark asked why Lakeland Housing Authority showed a remaining balance if it was paid in full. Stacy Campbell-Domineck clarified that all balances were paid in full, including Lakeland Housing Authority. Motion was made by Sharon Wright and Cyndi Jantomaso seconded. All voted. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation: Direct Provider of Services Report 4th Quarter PY2020-2021

Chair Clark called for a motion to approve Direct Provider of Services Report 4th Quarter. Floor opened for discussion. Derrick Woodard motioned. Karen Case seconded. All voted. Motion carried unanimously.

Report: ITA Provider Expenditure Analysis 4th Quarter PY2020-2021

Chair Clark directed the Committee to the ITA Provider Expenditure Analysis for the fourth quarter. Aralia Oldham-Wesley presented. Floor opened for discussion. Motion was made by Cindy Jantomaso and seconded by Angela Garcia-Falconetti. All voted. Motion carried unanimously.

Report: Business Services Report 4th Quarter PY2020-2021

Chair Clark directed the Committee to the Business Services Report for the fourth quarter. Kathy Suttles presented. No discussion or questions.

Report: CareerSource Polk Performance Report Card

Chair Clark directed the Committee to the CareerSource Polk Performance Report Card. Chair Clark asked Arlalia Oldham-Wesley to go over the report. Chair Clark asked if the required wage rate (\$14.58/hourly) is set nationally or tailored to this region. Arlalia Oldham-Wesley stated that is tailored to the region. Derrick Woodard asked about the meaning of the Governor's waiver about program participation. Arlalia Oldham-Wesley stated that a waiver put in effect to eliminate mandatory participation for the various programs such as Welfare Transition. Previously, applicants had to meet those standards to secure benefits. No further discussion.

Report: CareerSource Polk Customer Traffic/Services Report 4th Quarter PY2020-2021

Chair Clark directed the Committee to the CareerSource Polk Customer Traffic/Services Report 4th Quarter. Arlalia Oldham-Wesley explained the report. No questions or comments.

Report: CareerSource Polk Customer Concerns 4th Quarter PY2020-2021

Chair Clark directed the Committee to the CareerSource Polk Customer Concerns 4th Quarter. Floor opened for discussion. Chair Clark shared that there were two complaints that were resolved. Arlalia Oldham-Wesley commented that there were no glaring issues. There was no further discussion.

Report: THMP Monitoring Summary Report – June 2021

Chair Clark directed the Committee to the THMP Monitoring Summary Report. There was one significant finding and 9 observations. There is no major impact from any of those items. Arlalia Oldham-Wesley shared that there were necessary adjustments to the policy to meet the required standards for programmatic purposes. No additional questions or comments.

Additional Comments: Chair Clark met the new veterans' specialist. The specialist had attended the Veterans' Council Meeting last month and Chair Clark strongly encourages him to continue coming. Derrick Woodard inquired if anyone had reached out to the new superintendent about becoming a member of the Board. CEO Stacy Campbell-Domineck stated she would reach out to the new superintendent once he is settled into his new role. Dr. Angela Garcia-Falconetti congratulated CEO Campbell-Domineck on becoming the elected president of the Florida Workforce Development Association.

CEO Campbell-Domineck provided statistical data as it relates to Lakeland MSA ranking number 2 in migration in the state of FL. She shared her concerns that affordable housing is a great challenge. She advises employers to offer competitive wages. However, she stated that the skills gap is still an issue from prior to the pandemic. She encourages employers to promote from within and fill entry level positions.

Chair Clark contributed that schools are looking to hire more cybersecurity instructors. Dr. Angela Garcia-Falconetti agreed with the importance of finding faculty to teach cybersecurity.

Scott Dimmick gave an update on the COVID-19 pandemic from the perspective of Lakeland Regional Health (LRH). Scott Dimmick shared statistics on local cases and LRH's capacity level. He also shared that LRMC is opening a COVID Respiratory Care clinic that offers rapid testing, diagnostic and outpatient care. Scott Dimmick elaborated on the Delta variant and its ability to mutate.

Meeting Adjourned 2:27 p.m.