



MINUTES
WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Monday, September 9, 2019 – 1:00 P.M.
Room 2303/2304, Commissioner's Hall
WCCC – 145 Pavilion Lane, Youngwood, PA

Present: Doug Decker, Board Secretary; Steve Columbus, Charlie Datz, Dan Dunmeyer, Terri Grabiak, Laurie English, Julian Imbrescia, James Jones, Donald Martin, Jim Rugh, Tuesday Stanley, Muriel Nuttall, George Rattay, Jason Rigone, Joe Segilia, Tim Yurcisin

Absent: Brian Edmiston, Chair; Vicki Loucks; Vice-Chair; Jim Stark, Treasurer; Lori Albright, Diane Liska, Marge Duranko, Bill Magda, Ralph Resnick, Faye Rosatti, Frankie Staszko, Ed Yankovich

Solicitor: Attorney Lee Demosky

Guests: Fayette County Commissioner Dave Lohr; Chief of Staff to Westmoreland County Commissioner Chuck Anderson, Sean Kertes; Jennifer Nestor, Workforce Development Analyst 2; Michelle Bushmire, Workforce Development Analyst 2, PA Department of Labor & Industry, BWDA

Staff: Tom Whetsel, Janet Ward, Donna Casterwiler

- I. Roll Call – A quorum was present; official business could be conducted.
- II. Public Comments - None
- III. Vote on Consent Agenda Items
 - Statement of Financial Position
 - Director's Report
 - Full Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2019

Charlie Datz made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. George Rattay seconded the motion; motion carried.

IV. Old Business - Youth Report – Janet Ward Youth Programs Manager

- Experience Works! Report

The Work Experience Program for youth 18-24 was a blending of funding sources: TANF and WIOA. The goal was to serve 150 youth and 251 youth in the Westmoreland-Fayette area were served. The two program providers were the Private Industry Council and Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc. The FCCAA served 166 in Fayette County and PIC served 85 in Westmoreland County. The employers were non-profit and for-profit. The youth had 300 hours of work experience based on their career aspirations. There was a total of 82 worksites, 52 in Fayette and 30 in Westmoreland. PIC had 184 youth and FCCAA had 67 youth.

A few of the older youth obtained jobs with their worksite and a few were able to buy a car.

- SLIP Report

Operating for the 2nd year, the Experience Works PLUS! a summer internship program funded through the State/Local Internship Program Demonstration Project with WIOA funds served 34 post-secondary college students paying \$10.35/hr. The interns worked a minimum of 25/40 hours for an 8-week period. Twenty-nine 29 employers participated in the program. Over \$55,086.01 was received in employer match from ten employers.

Also received was \$9,000 from Fay Penn to help them with an internship program.

- Teacher in Workplace Grants
Fayette
Westmoreland

Discretionary funds were given by the State to continue the Teacher in Workplace Grants in both Fayette and Westmoreland.

Fayette County – 25 teachers from Cohort 1 ending in September 2019 from Fayette County school districts participated in a 4-day program, touring local health care and manufacturers in Fayette County, creating lesson plans for the students and courses of study. This year, a 5-day program will target high priority occupations in Fayette. Returning teachers (Cohort 1) will help as mentors; Cohorts 2 are the new teachers. Partners in the program are: Fayette Chamber of Commerce, Fayette Business and Education Partnership, Catalyst Connection, IU1. Program will end December 2019.

Westmoreland County – Cohort 1, ending September, had 51 teachers from 10 school districts and the 3 Career and Technical Schools participated. Partners are the Westmoreland IU, Westmoreland County Forum for Workforce Development Health Care Council, Westmoreland County Community College, and BotsIQ. Cohort II kicks off on October 1st and will focus on middle school teachers.

V. New Business – Tom Whetsel

- Trade & Economic Transition Grant
Working with Partner for Work, Westmoreland/Fayette had a Request for Quote to solicit occupational skills training for all dislocated workers. The occupational skills training will include pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs in advanced manufacturing, financial services information technology and health care.

Westmoreland County Community College – Machine Curriculum
At a cost of \$5,477 per participant.

Laurel Business Institute - Welding Certification and Health Unit Coordinator
At a cost of \$5,845 per participant.

Fayette County CTI – Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
At a cost of \$4,000 per participant.

\$221,000 total fixed cost on participant. Open enrollment.

Charlie Datz made the motion to approve WCCC in the amount of \$5,477, Laurel Business Institute at a cost of \$5,845 and Fayette County CTC at a cost of \$4,000 per participant for a total cost of \$221,000. Jason Rigone seconded the motion. Abstained: Tuesday Stanley and Julian Imbrescia. Motion carried.

LOCAL PLAN MODIFICATION

The WIOA Regional & Local Plan Modification is out for Public comment and can be viewed on our Website. This will be brought back to the full Board on December 9th for a motion to approve.

Youth Reentry Demonstration Grant – Joint submission with Southwest Corner - Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Development Board - Washington/Greene
Twenty-Five youth will be served at a cost of \$250,000. Below is the list of partners:

Juvenile Justice System	Pregnant Parenting Youth Program
Private Industry Council	Adelphoi Village – Latrobe PACTT Partner
Westmoreland Casemanagement	PA [®] CareerLink
Chamber of Commerce	Westmoreland and Fayette County Courts

Solicitor Demosky spoke briefly on the benefits of the Youth Reentry Demonstration Grant.

- EARN Redesign- PA Department of Human Services

Waiting for feedback from the local Boards in talks about the EARN Redesign.

A meeting will be held on September 30 to discuss the welfare population and the welfare changes.

- US Department of Labor Grant -Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities (Demonstration Grant)

This is an ARC grant and is approved we are looking to capitalize on four growth areas, food safety equipment, food service and vertical farming (hydroponics and aquaponics). The grant will support the training of current CTC students.

- Connellsville Career and Technical Center Commercial Driver's License Program (Demonstration Grant)

Our cost would be \$10,400 for 8 students if approved with a match from Connellsville. Four from CTC and 4 from the general high school population. After graduation they can attend Douglas to earn their CDL license.

Tim Yurcisin made the motion to approve. Dan Dunmeyer seconded the motion; motion. Julian Imbrescia abstained. Motion carried.

- Life's Work of Western PA (Assisting Recovery from Opioid Addiction through Employment Support Services)

Additional funding was requested in the amount of \$60,000 to be used to support an initiative with Life's Work of Western PA. This initiative will provide job coaching for 70 individuals in recovery who are placed in employment.

\$472,595 Original Award
60,000 Additional Request
\$532,595 New Project Total

Dan Dunmeyer made the motion to approve the additional funding for Life's Work of Western PA. Joe Segilia seconded the motion; motion carried.

VI. Good of the Order

VII. Open Forum

VIII. Adjournment Datz made the motion to adjourn the Board of Director's meeting; Doug Decker seconded the motion; motion carried.