

**MIDDLE GEORGIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Middle Georgia Workforce Development Board Youth Committee was held at Noon, on February 15, 2024 at the Middle Georgia Consortium, Inc. The following were in attendance:

Members Present:

Tishua Green
Sam Dorsey
Dan Brandon
Keith King
Africa Porter
Juan Daniels

MGCI Staff Present:

Tonya Larson
Darrell Stillings
Terrell Mitchell
Teresa Ragan

Guests Present:

Anita Coney, Youth Contractor

WELCOME – Sam Dorsey chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Clifford Holmes. He called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM and welcomed everyone. There was a quorum present.

MINUTES

1. **Approval of the Minutes from the December 7, 2023, Youth Committee Meeting** –A motion was made by Dan Brandon and seconded by Keith King to approve the December 7, 2023, minutes as written. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS – The agenda items were rearranged during the meeting as follows:

1. **CGTC Recruitment and Enrollment Report** – Darrell Stillings spoke in the absence of Brenda Brown about High School Equivalency. He reported that there are a couple of OSY (out of school youth) enrolled in the program and that enrollments overall are up at CGTC. Darrell Stillings mentioned the CareerRise program taking place this summer. Some of the contracts at Macon-Bibb were cancelled when the merger happened enabling us to get the youth enrollments up.

Anita Coney, Youth Contractor, reported she is working with the afterschool kids at Hutchings Career center in Bibb. She also reported the TAP pathways works with elementary and middle school kids and she is in the process of working to try and get those students paid. She also announced that a few students at the GA Academy for the Blind have been enrolled in WIOA.

2. **Approval of Revised Policies** – Darrell Stillings provided copies of and discussed the Youth Incentives Policy and the Youth Work Experience Policy. He pointed out that The Youth Incentives Policy was changed under the Educational Incentive section. It was proposed to amend the policy to allow students with a 3.0 GPA or 75% Grade Average per Semester, to earn up to \$50 depending on availability of funds.

A motion was made by Dan Brandon and seconded by Juan Daniels to approve the revised Youth Incentives Policy as presented. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried by voice vote.

Darrell Stillings reported that the revisions to the Youth Work Experience Policy were made to allow ISY (In-School Youth) to work beyond normal work hours but not to exceed six (6) hours a day or up to 30 hours in a week. An example of this is a student is working at a place that host events after 5 P.M., and with approval of the revision the student would be allowed to work that event as long as they do not go over the six hours per day or 30 hours per week. This would require PRIOR approval from the Middle GA Consortium and be based on availability of funds.

A motion was made by Africa Porter and seconded by Keith King to approve the revised Youth Work Experience Policy as presented. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried by voice vote.

2. **Youth Expenditure Report** —Darrell Stillings provided copies of and discussed the Expenditure Report for Grant #15-23-23-06-011 PY23 and Grant #15-23-23-TN10-06-011 PY23 Funds. The Admin money is the only thing that has been expended. These forms are used for the budget. Darrell Stillings provided copies of and discussed the Expenditure Report for Grant 15-22-22-TN10-06-011 PY22 Funds. This report is the grant money that we are using starting in March of this year all the way up to June 30, 2024. Darrell Stillings provided copies of and discussed the Expenditure Report for Grant #15-22-22-06-011 PY22 Funds. This money was for the first month of the Quarter.
3. **Youth Enrollment and Performance Updates** – Terrell Mitchell, MIS Coordinator provided copies of and discussed the PY2023 Enrollees Report which showed enrollments from July 1, 2023 through February 8, 2024. She reported that the total number of enrollments is up and there are six enrolled in the virtual program and two in an alternative program at CGTC. Terrell Mitchell also provided copies of and discussed the 1st Quarter Performance Report for the PY2023. She pointed out that we are lagging behind a little in the Measurable Skills Gain but since we are only in the 1st quarter we are not too concerned yet.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

MATTERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Darrell Stillings provided copies of a flyer from Legacy Link regarding their work experience program for seniors over 55 who want to return to the workforce. He reported that Legacy Link has a lot of available funds. He encouraged everyone if they know of anyone that is over 55 and wants to return back to work, to send them to Middle GA Consortium and the Agency (Legacy Link) will pay the wages. In response to a question of if remote jobs fell in this category, Tishua Green added that remote jobs would not be an option. In response to a question of if the Legacy Link's program was the same program as Ticket to Work, Darrell Stillings added that it was not the same program, however he will contact DFCS and invite them to the next Youth Committee meeting to talk about the Ticket to Work.
2. Darrell Stillings reminded everyone that SETA was next month in March.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.