

SANTEE-LYNCHES
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Youth Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2018 – 10:00 AM
Santee-Lynches Regional COG
2525 Corporate Way, Suite 200
Sumter, SC 29154

Minutes

Youth Committee Members Present: Calvin Hastie, Sr., Chairman, Brenda Golden, Joe Perry, Veronica Robinson, Zuelda Smith, Sharon Teigue

Youth Committee Members Absent: Corp. Fred Brantley, Barbara Brown, Ramona Lies, [AC1]Veronica Robinson, Jason Wright

Staff Present:

Areatha Clark, Workforce Development Chief
Esmonde Levy, Workforce Development Manager
Becky Minegar, Santee-Lynches RCOG Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Tamara Wise, Eckerd Connects - Workforce Development (Youth)
Christine McLeod, Intern, Santee-Lynches RCOG

I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introduction

Chairman Calvin Hastie called the Santee-Lynches Workforce Development Board's (WBD) Youth Committee meeting to order at 10:21 AM and welcomed everyone.

II. Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2018 and February 28, 2018 - (M)

Chairman Hastie called for a Motion to approve the Minutes from January 19, 2018 and February 28, 2018. **A Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Robinson and seconded by Ms. Brenda Golden.** There being no discussion, Chairman Hastie called for the vote. **All were in favor and the Motion passed unanimously.**

III. Youth Performance Update

Ms. Tamara Wise, Program Manager, reviewed the Youth Performance Report for PYC for PY'17 through the period of May 10, 2018. Ms. Wise stated PYC has enrolled 163 participants as of May 10, 2018 (with a goal of 155.) They have had 23 high school students earn their diploma or GED.

Ms. Wise stated PYC recently held a two-day course called Career Smart. They now have a total of 87 participants that have been through the soft skills training.

Ms. Wise stated she has several community outreach events coming up:

- FE Dubose - Wateree Community Actions Job Fair
- Speaking at South Carolina State Mental Health Offices
- May 19, 2018 – Crosswell Neighborhood Spring Fling
- Lee-Sumter Detention Center

Ms. Wise then shared upcoming Enrichment Seminars:

- Thursday, March 15, 2018 – Inexpensive Healthy Eating & Sneaky Exercising: South Sumter Resource Center 10:00 AM (Confirmed)
- Thursday, April 19 – Basic Legal Information: Sumter Resource Center 10:00 AM
- Thursday, May 17, 2018 – Owning Your Own Business: The Joys and Heartbreak (A panel discussion): Camden Adult Education 10:00 AM
- Thursday, June 14, 2018 – CEO's & HR (A panel discussion): FE Dubose, Manning 10:00AM
- Thursday, July 19, 2018 – Personal Safety, Self-Defense and Situational Awareness, Bishopville Police Chief, Location Unknown (Tentative)
- Thursday, August 16, 2018 – YOU are our next Leader, South Sumter Resource Center, 10:00AM (Tentative)

The committee discussed having one place for the community to call, for all needs, if they have questions and would be directed to the appropriate agencies, churches, etc.

A discussion ensued regarding students attending a City Council meeting as a leadership development opportunity.

Ms. Sharon Teigue shared she attended a PYC staff meeting where Ms. Wise instructed staff to direct Ms. Teigue on how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The point of the exercise is learning how to follow directions and to include all directions because you may think you are telling people exactly what to do, but in reality, you're not.

IV. Financial Report

Mr. Esmonde Levy provided the Youth Financial Report thru April 30, 2018 of Program Year 2017: Total Contract Amount - \$600,000; Actual Expenditures - \$496,978; Balance - \$103,022. PYC is on target for meeting the expenditure requirement of 85% of their total contract by the end of the program year.

Ms. Areatha Clark added, although the 85% has been met she encouraged them to continue to meet their goals. Ms. Clark specified the State requires 20% of funds be spent on Work-Based Learning type activities. She stated PYC is a little below the 20% and have been working diligently on getting more participants on a work experience or On-the-job training (OJT) assignment.

Ms. Sharon Teigue announced Sumter Adult Education will be having a Fast Tract GED class in June. Ms. Teigue then announced Sykes will be having a hiring event on May 30, and will be hiring for part-time positions. Ms. Teigue stated Sykes offers tuition reimbursement.

V. Executive Session (Contractual Matter)

A Motion was made by Ms. Brenda Golden and seconded by Ms. Veronica Robinson to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

A Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Robinson and seconded by Ms. Sharon Teigue to come out of Executive Session.

A Motion was made by Ms. Sharon Teigue and seconded by Ms. Veronica Robinson to extend Eckerd Workforce Development (dba Palmetto Youth Connections – PYC) contract for one additional year. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Clark added this motion will be carried forth to the Workforce Development Board on May 22, 2018 for full approval.

Mr. Hastie thanked committee members and staff for all they are doing for the youth in the community.

VI. Other Business

Announcements for upcoming events:

- STEM Festival, October 6, 2018 – Downtown Sumter
- Iris Festival, May 26-28, 2018 – Swan Lake
- Veteran Event, May 28th – South Sumter Park
- Beginning June 1, 2018 there will be tennis, softball, track and field, etc. at the South Sumter Park

Ms. Hastie then explained through the Dream Team, it's possible to have a record expunged. It was also discussed if you have non-convictions on your record you can call SLED to have those removed at no cost.

Additional Announcements:

- Sumter County Job Fair – May 23, 2018
- Wateree Community Actions Job Fair – May 23, 2018

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Recorded by,

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