

**MIDDLE GEORGIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Middle Georgia Workforce Development Board Youth Committee was held at Noon, on February 14, 2019, at the Middle Georgia Consortium, Inc., located at 124 Osigian Blvd., Suite A, in Warner Robins, Georgia. The following were in attendance:

Members Present:

John Bembry
Mary Ann vanHartesveldt
Joy Carr
Tishua Green
Clifford Holmes
Keith King
Patrick Manuel
Tarell Register
Sharon Rogers

MGCI Staff Present:

Terrell Mitchell
Terry Robertson
Darrell Stillings
Teresa Ragan
Robin Kiefer
Desmond Littlejohn

Guest Present:

Daylon Martin - Middle Georgia CLEO
Teresa Tripp – In-the-Door, LLC
Jerry Myers – In-the-Door, LLC
Teresa Tripp – In-the-Door, LLC
Dr. Ulrica Jones – Eventual Success, LLC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Chairman Clifford Holmes chaired the meeting and at 12:05PM he called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made around the room. There was a quorum present.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from the December 6, 2018 Youth Committee Meeting.

A motion was made by Mary Ann vanHartesveldt and seconded by John Bembry to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2018, Youth Committee meeting as written. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approval of the PY 2018 Youth RFP Priority Funding List** – Terry Robertson, MGCI Youth Services Specialist, provided copies and discussed the proposed PY 2018 Youth RFP Priority Funding List. A synopsis of each proposal's ratings was presented for review. As a result of the ratings, a priority funding list for negotiating contracts was presented for approval as follows:
 - 1) Mercer – Received a successful rating score of 91.0 with a proposed cost of \$500,000. Plans are to negotiate for a contract.**

- 2) **Truck Driver Institute – Received a successful rating score of 77.4 with a proposed cost of \$374,625. Plans are to negotiate for a second contract for the remaining funds, if any.**
- 3) **Eventual Success – Received a successful rating score of 73.4 with a proposed cost of \$500,000. Plans are to negotiate a third contract for the remaining funds, if any.**
- 4) **Lamels Services – Received a successful rating score of 55.4 with a proposed cost of \$449,771. Plans are to negotiate a fourth contract for the remaining funds, if any.**
- 5) **Impact Workforce - Received a successful rating score of 49.8 with a proposed cost TBD. Plans are to negotiate a fourth contract for the remaining funds, if any.**

Commissioner Daylon Martin stated he would like to see multiple contractors and felt that the big box contractor have not provided the recruitment services needed in the smaller counties. Executive Director Darrell Stillings responded that contract negotiations will be conducted in the presented funding order until funding is exhausted. The plan is to start contract negotiations with Mercer and it is felt that the \$500,000 will be negotiated down but to what level is unknown until staff sits down with them to clarify what we need, what we can pay for and what they will do. Therefore, there is a possibility of multiple contracts. Any remaining funds would be negotiated secondly with TDI and since we currently have a MOU with TDI that would only require adding youth funding to the MOU at what level would be negotiated based on available funding and the agencies need for placing youth in truck driver training, which could possible leave room for negotiating with Eventual Success and so on down line of proposers. Mary Ann vanHartesveldt asked if the trucking industry would hire youth and the response was yes and that we currently have 23-24 year old youth drivers today who successfully completed TDI's training. The industry's interstate requirement is 21 years of age and older.

A motion was made by Mary Ann vanHartesveldt and seconded by John Bembry to approve the PY 2018 Youth RFP Funding Priority as presented. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried by voice vote.

2. **Approval to Renew Central Georgia Technical College Contract – Terry Robertson, MGCI Youth Services Specialist, provided copies of the budget to renew Central Georgia Technical College's contract.**

A motion was made by Patrick Manual and seconded by Mary Ann vanHartesveldt to approve the renewal of the Central Georgia Technical College's youth contract through March 31, 2020. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried by voice vote.

3. **State Policy Revisions & Youth Waiver Request – Terry Robertson, MGCI Youth Service Specialist, provided copies of and discussed the State's Youth Waiver Request, which will allow local workforce development areas to decrease their spending on out-of-school youth to 50% instead of the current 75% and allowing 50% of funding to be spent on the in-school youth population. Once the waiver is approved the State will notify local Workforce Development Boards that this change will be implemented immediately.**

Also, handed out and discussed was copies of the State's Policy revisions. The State revised its policy to change the definition of basic skills deficiencies for out-of-school youth as reading or writing English at or below an 8.9 grade level, which is increase from an 8.0 grade level. Further revisions included changes both SSI and child support payments as countable household income for eligibility determination.

4. Contractor Updates –

- CGTC Youth Contract –Terry Robertson provided and discussed a report showing that there are currently 41 participants enrolled and the total expenditure to date was \$115,175.67. He reported that CGTC is working on January’s invoice for submission.
- In-the-Door Youth Contract – Terry Robertson provided and discussed a report that showed that 8 participants have been enrolled to date and there are 6 being processed. The report also showed a total for expenditures is \$61,961.92.

5. Plans to Coordinate with the Youth Challenge Program – Terry Robertson reported that no news has been received from the Youth Challenge on the acceptance and execution of the contract. Local youth challenge staff is still working with their state office on contract execution.

6. Barriers for Reaching Youth Population – Terry Robertson reported that transportation continues to be a huge barrier. Most rural counties do not have a public transportation system and if they do it is more for senior population for doctor appointments.

7. Youth Expenditure Report – Darrell Stillings provided copies of and discussed the Youth expenditure reports for PY 17 and PY 18 grants, which showed expenditures through October 31, 2018 as follows:

Program Year	Amount of Available Funds (Less Any Transfers) for Report Period	Total Expenditures	Balance	Grant Ending Date
2017	\$ 810,733.00	\$ 572,664.95	\$ 238,068.05	6/30/2019
2018	\$ 796,911.00	-	\$ 769,911.00	6/30/2020
Total	\$ 810,733.00	\$ 284,725.20	\$ 526,007.80	

It was noted that all expenditure requirements for the PY 17 grant are being met and all funds should be expended by the June 30, 2019 deadline.

8. Youth Enrollment Report - Terrell Mitchell, MGCI MIS Coordinator, provided copies of and discussed the youth enrollment report through February 13, 2019. The report showed that a total of 120 participants are being served and out of that total 96 are active, 23 are in job search and one has been exited.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

1. *Next Meeting* –The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2018, at Noon, at the Middle Georgia Consortium office.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:48PM.