



PIEDMONT REGION

VCW PIEDMONT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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<p>VCW Piedmont Council Meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2020 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting Due to State of Emergency declared by the Governor</i> Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 555 677 5434</p>	<p>UVA Research Park 1001 Research Park Blvd Charlottesville, VA 22911 (434) 979-5610</p>
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VCW-PIEDMONT COUNCIL	PROGRAM YEAR 2020 (JULY 2020 – JUNE 2021)			
COUNCIL MEMBERS	ATTENDED			
QUARTERLY MEETINGS	SEPT 2020	DEC 2020	MAR 2021	JUNE 2021
Lee Frame – Chair	X			
Ron Frazier	X			
Heather Hill	X			
Tony O’Brien	X			
Ann Mallek				
Kathy Campbell				
Fitzgerald Barnes				
Holder Trumbo, Jr.				
Marie Durrer				
Amber Foster				
PWDB STAFF				
Sarah Morton	X			
Helen Cauthen	X			
Stephanie McNamara	X			
Deborah Harms	X			
Rahul Maitra	X			
Kristy Dancy	X			
Shannon Holland				
Candace Spence				
OTHER GUESTS				
Mary Ann Gilmer	X			

- I. **Meeting Called to Order** by Lee Frame at 1:30 PM.
- II. **Determination and Announcement of Quorum**
Quorum was declared. 4 people is considered quorum for Council meetings.
- III. **Opportunity for Public Comment** – No public comment.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. June 10, 2020, Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. VEC-PWDB MOU (PPE) – Sarah Morton addressed that Centers were reimbursed for cleaning supplies to reopen in July safely. Every workforce board was given the same MOU.

Heather Hill made a motion to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Tony O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Fiscal Agent Reports and Financials

- a. Year End Financial Reports – Rahul Maitra provided funding at a glance for this year as well as reports for last year in comparison. He illustrated that there was more funding this year.
- b. Revisions to FY 2021 Budget – Helen Cauthen pointed out the new revisions need to be approved because the exact carryover amounts are now included in the budget. Per the state, there will not be a sanction regarding the lack of particular benchmarks due to the current pandemic.

Heather Hill made a motion to approve both Fiscal Agent Report and Revisions to 2021 Report; seconded by Tony O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Appointments to PWD Board for FY 2021

- a) Council Vice Chair – Ron Frazier was nominated as Vice Chair

Lee Frame made the motion to nominate Ron Frazier as Vice Chair; Heather Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b) PWD Board Appointments –

- Bryan Rothamel (Fluvanna County) will be replacing Miles Friedman on the PWDB as the Economic Development Representative.
- Jeanne Wesley (Germanna Community College) will be replacing Valerie Palamountain on the PWDB.

Tony O'Brien motioned to approve the Board as listed; Heather Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously

VII. Documents to be Approved

- a) Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA) - awaiting changes in numbers for contribution from DSS as well as Job Corps. The challenge has been getting agreement from Job Corps and DSS on numbers. There was discussion regarding approving without knowing final numbers.
- b) The Network2Work MOU was presented for approval. PWBD staff will assume the scope of work in collaboration with Candace Spence (CVPED). This lends to opportunities to strengthen partnerships across the Piedmont region as opposed to saturate and duplicate.

Heather Hill motioned to approve both agreements with the caveat that the IFA will be distributed to the full council before the end of the month and if there are objections at that time, it will be revisited. Tony O'Brien seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. VA. Employment Commission Update

- a) VEC report highlighted the staff were seeing clients on a first come first served basis in the Charlottesville and Culpeper Centers.

IX. Goodwill Update

- a) Goodwill staff provided an update to the Council regarding current performance. Current trends reflect numbers were significantly lower due to the pandemic. Significantly, pre-pandemic, Charlottesville had the most live hiring events in the state as well as was the last center in the state to close due to COVID.
- b) The One-Stop Center report reflected numbers of job seekers seen as well as shared success stories. Lee Frame commended Mary Ann and team for the hard work in ensuring strong resources for unemployed in terms of fulfilling obligations (ie, child support). Additionally, Charlottesville and Culpeper One-Stop Centers have not missed a beat as they've continued to help job seekers virtually when the Centers could not be opened.

X. COVID & Grant Update – Detailed reports given in meeting packets.

- a) New Hires - Stephanie McNamara – VCW-Piedmont Operations Manager started in July and Deborah Harms VCW-Piedmont Workforce Transition Coordinator started in August.
- b) GO VA Project Reconnect – Debbie Harms will be working with GO VA to connect job seekers with the appropriate agencies. Debbie has worked diligently to ensure VCW has a presence on social media as well as developing a YouTube channel for training purposes.
- c) Economic Equity Initiative – at the time of the meeting 18-20 clients have been co-enrolled in Goodwill programs as well as EEI.
- d) Wagner Peyser – the WP workers in the One-Stop Centers are entering job seekers as they come in to be matched in the VAWC system.
- e) Aversion Grant (month to date) – the grant was launched in early March and served 56 companies and saved over 800 jobs.

XI. Other Announcements –

Sarah Morton

- Separated the PWDB into committees to divide and conquer on outreach and deliverables as a board.
- Would like to develop a cultural competency training to equalize the field a bit more in the workforce.
- Would like staff members of PWDB to be in community more in the center and give face to face assistance.

Lee Frame

- Brings up to the group that he has a friend who is a business owner who has had to go out of state for security needs. How can we make our workforce talents more prevalent?

XII. Adjournment – With no further business, Lee Frame adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, December 16 @ 1:00 PM