

Monthly WIOA Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2022

Attendees:

John Baldino
Kenny Allison
Laura Duckworth
Stephanie McNamara

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 1:20 P.M.

- I. Stephanie McNamara gave the Committee updates on the follow:
 - a. VCW-Piedmont Re-Entry Task Force
 - i. The VCW-Piedmont Task Force continues to grow under the leadership of Stephanie McNamara and has gained community partners with state Veteran services, State Community College officials, and resources in medical assistance.
 - ii. A tool is being refined for those who are re-entering to make a transition even the slightest bit easier to avoid re-incarceration.
 - b. Personnel
 - i. The VCW-Piedmont board staff has conducted interviews with candidates to fill the two open spots for (1) Mobile Resource Specialist and (2) Career Pathways Coordinator.
 - ii. Jason Ford has resigned his position as Operations Manager. Sarah Morton is working through the details as to whether or not to backfill the position or re-construct the team structure.
 - c. Stephanie McNamara reminded the committee on changes to the approval process as advised from the State. Notable updates are the State extending approvals from PY21 through December 31, 2022 without requiring renewal – possibly will be extended further. The State may also be taking over approval with VCCS institutions but that is pending.
 - d. An overview of the new VCW referral portal was given to illustrate the expansion of resource availability to those in need of assistance across the region. The portal was rolled out this month.
- II. Discussion
 - a. John Baldino raised concerns WIOA performance statistics shared during the August Executive Committee Meeting. He would like it noted that he would like to see other local program operators to submit RFP's during the next request for proposals.
 - i. Laura Duckworth brought Network2Work and PVCC up as possible candidates.
 - b. Laura Duckworth suggested moving committee meeting days/times to be adjusted to fit the schedules of all members to be able to attend.
- III. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM