



**Executive Committee Meeting
 Workforce Development Board Area 81
 24 Accent Drive, Suite 151, Monroe LA 71202
 October 21, 2019 @ 2:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT
Susan Nicholson	Dr. Nick Bruno
Gwendolyn Amelin	Kathy Cerda
John Hopkins	Edmond Mathis
Staff	
Doretha Bennett	
Bedie Lewis	

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Ms. Susan Nicholson, Chair, called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

INVOCATION

Mr. John Hopkins gave the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mr. John Hopkins asked members and staff to introduce themselves for the record

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 8, 2019 MINUTES

John Hopkins made a motion to approve the August 8, 2019 minutes. Gwendolyn Amelin seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Add to Local Plan (action)

Ms. Doretha Bennett stated that we met with WDB83 to make changes for the Regional Plan, and we are asking for approval for this (revised) Regional/Local Plan. Ms. Bedie Lewis reviewed/discussed the changes that will be added to the (revised) Plan. Ms. Lewis discussed two required elements

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(Discussion/definition of Youth Program “Needs Additional Assistance” and Assurances) that needed to be added to our Plan in order to eliminate deficiency. Ms. Lewis continued to discuss the Review of the Local Plan from the State of Louisiana, Office of Workforce Development, and she reviewed the corrections that will be added to the Plan as a response to the Review of the Local Plan. Items of corrections that were discussed are as follows:

Coordination and Alignment of Services with Economic Development (Ms. Nicholson suggested to add working toward certification of the ACT Work Ready Community for the Region), a description of the roles and resource contributions of the One-Stop partners, methodologies to avoid duplication of services, a description and assessment of the type and availability of youth workforce development activities in the local area, a description of plans and strategies for, and assurances concerning, maximizing coordination of services provided by the State employment service under the Wagner-Peyser Act, and services provided in the local area through the One-Stop delivery system, to improve service delivery, a description of how the Local Board will carry out consistent with subparagraphs (A) and (B)(i) of section 107(d)(11) and section 232, the review of local applications submitted under Title II, an identification of the entity responsible for the disbursal of grant funds described in section 107(d)(12)(B)(i)(III), as determined by the Chief Elected Officials or the Governor under section 107(d)(12)(B)(i), a description of the competitive process, to be used to award the subgrants and contracts, in the local area for activities carried out under this title, discussion regarding Training Contracts, and (final item) WIOA Special Rule found in Section 129(a)(2) defines the term “low-income”. John Hopkins made a motion to approve all the added changes to the Region and Local Plan. Gwendolyn Amelin seconded. Motion carried.

B. WIOA PY19/FY20 Contract (action)

The Board has already approved the current year allocations. Ms. Doretha Bennett stated we have received the WIOA Contract for \$1,455, 615.00. She stated the Youth Program received a cut of about \$189,000. There was a discussion concerning this matter. Ms. Nicholson asked for a motion to approve this contract. Gwendolyn Amelin made a motion to approve this contract. John Hopkins seconded. Motion carried.

C. LaJet 2019/2020 Contract (action)

Ms. Bennett stated for the LAJet Contract (2019/2020) the dollar amount stayed the same in the amount of \$255,521.00, and she stated some money was added for a part-time person about \$15,000.00. Ms. Bennett asked for approval of this contract. John Hopkins made a motion to approve this LaJet contract. Gwendolyn Amelin seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ms. Bennett briefly discussed the last report that was sent to the Board from the Office of the Secretary report dated September 19, 2019. She also discussed with the Executive Committee our most recent performance report.

Other Business

None

Director’s Report

Ms. Bennett discussed receiving the award in Indianapolis, IN for the Northeast Louisiana Healthcare Alliance; WDB 81 & 83 won the prestigious International Excellence in Economic Development Award from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) at the IEDC Annual Conference on October 15, 2019.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment - Gwendolyn Amelin made a motion to adjourn. John Hopkins seconded. Meeting adjourned

Transcribed by _____
Sharon Jones, Federal Programs Coordinator