

Southern Maryland Workforce Development Board Meeting
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March 14, 2024

Minutes

Members Present: Cindy Rauner, Kelly Williams, Robin Cullers, Laura Askins, Carrie Akins, Marcia Chase, Alan Crawley, William “BJ” Hall, III, Christy Lombardi, Heidi Lybarger, Brian Miller, Tami Radisch, Mike Scott, Michelle Stewart, Christian Sorochty, Katherine Stormont, Stephanie Witte, Michael Young

Members Absent: Stacey Cook, Dr. Yolanda Wilson, Alexis Zoss

Guests Present: Laura Wright – Apprenticeship Navigator
Maryland Department of Labor

Chris MacLarion - Director of Apprenticeship & Training,
Division of Workforce Development & Adult
Learning
Maryland Department of Labor

Staff Present: Ruthy Davis, Melinda Bowling, Briana Capuano, Belinda Denton, Sandy Fauchaux, Patricia Meszaros, Ashley Raley, Daryl Rice, Tiona Turner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Cindy Rauner, Chair.

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Cindy Rauner opened the meeting with a warm welcome and introduction of attendees including acknowledgement and introduction of new board members.

MISSION MOMENT

Ashley introduced and shared with the group a video testimonial for the Mission Moment featuring Gabriella Barraza. Ms. Barraza was an ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) participant who shared her success working with the ARPA team. Ms. Barraza moved to the US at the age of 14 from El Salvador in 2017 and spoke no English. In 2020 she graduated high school in the US. In 2023, she was employed with Chick Fil-A but longed for more a better career. Her manager with Chick Fil-A introduced her to Southern Maryland JobSource. She began working with the JobSource team in 2023, successfully earned a Dental Assistant Certification with the College of Southern Maryland and obtained employment in her field while working with the ARPA team at TCCSMD. Ms. Barraza states she is happy and thriving in her new career!

BUSINESS

- A quorum was established.
- A motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2023, Workforce Development Board meeting was made by Laura Askins seconded by Carrie Akins and carried.
- A motion to approve the consent agenda documents was made by Christy Lombardi, seconded by Tami Radisch, and carried.

WORKFORCE BOARD REFRESH-ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Ruthy provided an overview of the Southern Maryland Workforce Development Board. Along with board information and structure Ruthy also reviewed a presentation on WIOA Fundamentals. This presentation provided more information on the structure of the board, function, makeup of the local workforce board, core program partners, required one stop partners and service focus as described in the legislation. Ruthy also informed the group the current WIOA law has now “sunsetting” and Congress is currently working on reauthorization of the law. One proposal being considered, which would have tremendous negative impact, would be to require that 50% of the WIOA Adult/DW/Youth funding go towards training, not including supportive services. If that passes, not only would there not be sufficient funding to provide the comprehensive services required place, monitor, and follow up with participant training, the workforce staff would also have to be severely cut. Another proposal being considered is reducing the number of local areas in the state, perhaps to one in the state. Maryland currently has 13 local areas. We are not expecting reauthorization to occur until after this year’s presidential election.

FUNDAMENTALS OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

Chris Maclarion provided a presentation on Registered Apprenticeship in the state of Maryland showcasing advantages of registered apprenticeship, system parts and governance, components of registered apprenticeship, structuring a program, Apprenticeship Maryland Program (AMP), a comparison between registered apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship (AMP), size & occupation examples, priority population statistics, and growth & progression.

Public Comment & Announcements: None

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Williams, seconded by Robin Cullers, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.