



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CareerSource Chipola Community Room
4636 HWY 90 East, Suite K, Marianna, Florida
April 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM (CT)

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present and Arthur Obar (chair) called the meeting to order.

Attendees- Arthur Obar, Johnny Eubanks, Andy Jackson, Debbie Kolmetz (via teleconference), Mary McKenzie (via teleconference), Janice Sumner, Darrin Wall

Absentees-

Others- Richard Williams, Rachael Poole (CSC staff)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public were in attendance.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Richard Williams shared updates on labor force verses employment trends for Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Washington counties.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Williams requested approval to procure a qualified party to create and implement a "Work Local" outreach campaign to encourage workers to consider local employers, as well as highlight local employers to the job seekers of the region. **Johnny Eubanks declared a conflict of interest and abstained from both the discussion and voting.** After a general discussion, **Janice Sumner made a motion for CSC to first attempt to negotiate with Moore; however, if CSC is unable to come to an agreement with Moore, then an ITN will be issued.** Andy Jackson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF RECOVERY EFFORTS

Richard Williams presented an update on working with local prison systems. The goal of the program is to look at individuals bring released back into our region and get them employed before their release. This will help improve the rate of recidivism and also help local employers find employees. He then gave an update on the OJT program and Summer Youth program (Teen Pregnancy Prevention). CSC is currently awaiting proposals from local schools. Richard provided information about the upcoming Opportunity Florida trip to Mississippi to visit areas hit by Hurricane Katrina. Individuals attending will meet with local officials regarding their response to the hurricane and steps that were taken to be able to move forward. The goal o this trip is to understand how some communities were able to bounce back from Hurricane Katrina and bring that knowledge home to be able to apply in our communities. Mr. Williams mentioned that local businesses are continuing to struggle to find workers. CSC is also struggling to find individuals to fill those open positions and is open to any and all suggestions for how to address this issue.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Darrin Wall expressed concern with how the lack of housing in our area is negatively affecting the labor force.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.