

Career Center Committee (CCC) Minutes

Meeting Date and Location: June 1, 2022 at 2:30PM via GoToMeeting

Present: Tameka Gibbs (Chair), Montique McClary, Larry Donley, Brandi Bragg, , Dave Whitmer (staff), Amber Morse (staff), Annette Barnes (staff), Sheryl Stevens (staff)


Absent with notice: Richard Thorne, Charlie Long, Michael Twiddy

Absent without notice:

- Call to order and approval of Minutes – April 2022 Meeting: Tameka Gibbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2022 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Montique McClary and passed unanimously.
- Updates: Director Whitmer informed the committee that DWS has terminated the contract they signed with us last month to serve as the One-Stop Operator. They also will not continue to provide functional management for our career centers. Because of this, we are currently in the process of procuring a new One-Stop Operator. Director Whitmer stated that the timeline for this process is included in the meeting packet, and the Leadership Committee is the committee designated to score the proposals. Director Whitmer next stated that the annual One-Stop Operator Monitoring is almost complete. The Dare Center's lease is still set to end on June 30, 2022. We are currently working on the center certification application which is due at the end of July. Director Whitmer next reported updates on realignment. Secretary of Commerce Machel Baker Sanders and EDPNC CEO Chris Chung sent out a letter in support of the realignment of the workforce development boards. Jenni Harris, DWS Business Services Director, presented at a NC Association of County Commissioners meeting. During this meeting, she told the Commissioners that it was Director Whitmer and NWDB who made the decision to close the Dare County NCWorks Career Center. Director Whitmer corrected her in the comments stating that this was a unilateral decision made by DWS. Lastly, Director Whitmer reported that during the last Director's Council Meeting, a Director reported that Jenni Harris met in her region with the community college and economic development representatives. It was reported to the Director, that during that meeting, Jenni stated the following: The realignment will happen, there will be eight boards, and we (DWS) and going to monitor the current boards out of existence. Larry Donley stated, in regards to the NC Association of County Commissioners meeting, that Jenni Harris did send an amended email to some local commissioners stating that it was DWS who made the unilateral decision to close the Dare County Career Center. Larry Donley also stated that equipment and everything should be moved out of the Dare Center on June 15 and 16.
- Brief Reports from Center Managers: Interim Center Manager, Sheryl Stevens, reported that a DWS Career Advisor position that was lost though the RTR has been filled. The WIOA information sessions are generating a lot of interest. The last Highway Construction Trades Academy had 10 graduates. Sheryl presented to Golden Leaf for ECSU's Project GAP. Chair Gibbs stated that she appreciates Sheryl filling in as Interim Center Manager. Brandi Bragg agreed, stating that Sheryl is a major asset to our region.

- Dashboard Review: The committee reviewed the dashboard reports as included in the meeting packet. Brandi Bragg stated that in looking at the 3-year comparison report, it looks like we are doing much better than last year. Larry Donley stated that since there will not be a Dare Career Center, the plan is to include dropdowns in NCWorks for each of the two locations where staff will be.

Minutes prepared by Dave Whitmer.

Approved by: _____  _____ Date: 07 / 18 / 2022

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