

**CareerSource Southwest Florida
Career Services Committee
Meeting
February 12, 2025
2pm**

Members Present

Keitha Daniels-Chair
Troy Virgil James Collett-Virtual
Bill Diamond-Virtual
Jennifer Thayer-Virtual

Members Absent

Drummond Camel
Cynthia Gulsby

Staff Present

Peg Elmore	Rebecca Sandholdt
Ed Fritz	Lyntoria Thomas
Thais Kuoman	

I. CALL TO ORDER-WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Chair Keitha Daniels at 2:02 p.m. Keitha welcomed everyone and Lyntoria Thomas, Administrative Services Assistant, confirmed quorum was met.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Jennifer Thayer made a motion to approve the December 11, 2024 meeting minutes; Bill Diamond seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

IV. ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST

Thais Kuoman gave an overview of how the Eligible Training Provider List operates and the pros and cons to keep the list local (in-house) and the pros and cons to have it maintained by the State. Thais explained the eligible training provider list is already being maintained by the State. After a deep discussion, questions, and answers, the committee decided it would be best to have the State maintain the Eligible Training Provider List.

Jennifer Thayer made a motion to take the recommendation to have the State maintain the Eligible Training Provider List to the Board of Directors; Troy Virgil James Collett seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

V. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The committee had a deeply detailed discussion on potential percentage goals for serving ex-offenders and individuals with disabilities. The committee emphasized the importance of starting with a lower goal to ensure it is achievable, allowing for

adjustments in subsequent years based on performance. The committee reached consensus to make recommendations to the Board of Directors:

Bill Diamond made a motion to increase community organizations who refer individuals to us for employment and training services by 20%; Troy Virgil James Collett seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

Troy Virgil James Collett made a motion to increase the enrollment of individuals with barriers to employment by 2%; Bill Diamond seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

Jennifer Thayer made a motion to increase enrollments by 5% for individuals with disabilities and ex-offenders; Bill Diamond seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

VI. OPEN FORUM

Thais Kuoman shared CareerSource Southwest Florida will be kicking off their Summer Youth Program. The emphasis will be career preparation and work skills for in-school youth ages 15-18. Thais explained the program will pay \$15.00 per hour for up to 30 hours per week and eligibility is based on income requirements.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Education & Industry Consortium- February 13, 2025 at 9am
Youth Committee- February 19, 2025 at 1:30pm
Board of Directors- March 12, 2025 at 3pm

VIII. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.