



**First Coast Workforce Development Consortium
Meeting on August 20, 2024**

Chair Larry Harvey called to order a teleconference meeting of the First Coast Workforce Development Consortium on Monday, August 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present, representing a quorum.

Present: Larry Harvey – Putnam County
 Jim Renninger - Clay County
 Mark Hartley - Baker County
 A.M. “Hupp” Huppmann - Nassau County

Absent/Excused: Roy Alaimo – St. John’s County

Staff present: Cheryl Taylor, Rebecca Livingston, Steven Dionisio, Ivette Berrios, Jay Loy, Angie Pineiro

Public Comment: None

***Action Items**

***Approval of Minutes – June 20, 2024, FCWD Consortium Meeting**

Motion to approve the June 20, 2024, FCWD Consortium Meeting minutes made by Commissioner Huppmann and seconded by Commissioner Renninger. Motion unanimously carried and minutes approved as presented.

***Approval of the Dislocated Worker Funds Transfer Authority**

- Under WIOA law, local boards have the ability to transfer up to 100% of Adult or Dislocated Worker (DW) funds to either funding stream. This provides great flexibility for any under-used funds to go to the area of greatest need. In years past, we were able to make these transfers without Florida Commerce approval. That is no longer the case. A new administrative policy requires board approval of any transfer in excess of 25% and subsequent approval from Florida Commerce.

Motion to accept the Dislocated Worker Funds Transfer Authority made by Commissioner Renninger and seconded by Commissioner Huppmann; motion unanimously carried and transfer

authority accepted.

***Approval of the WIOA Training Funds 40% Waiver**

- Under WIOA, Local Workforce Development Boards have the opportunity to submit a waiver to the state to reduce the requirement outlined in Section 445.003(3)(a)1, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which mandates that at least 50 percent of the Title I Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker funds be allocated to Individual Training Accounts (ITAs). We request a reduction of this requirement to 40%.

Motion to accept the WIOA Training Funds 40% Waiver made by Commissioner Renninger and seconded by Commissioner Huppman; motion unanimously carried and waiver accepted.

***Approval of the WIOA Local 4-Year Plan**

- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires each local workforce development board (LWDB), in partnership with the appropriate chief local elected official(s), to develop and submit a comprehensive four-year local plan to the state.

This plan reflects a collaborative effort between CareerSource Northeast Florida, elected officials, its core partners as well as industry, education, and community-based organizations. Aligned with federal and state law, the four-year emphasizes streamlining services, empowering individuals, universal access, promoting accountability and working with our core and regional partners to ensure Northeast Florida has the workforce talent needed now and in the future.

The Four-Year plan was open for public comment from July 29, 2024 through August 16, 2024. No public comments were received.

Motion to accept the WIOA Local 4-Year Plan made by Commissioner Huppman and seconded by Commissioner Hartley; motion unanimously carried and plan accepted.

***Subrecipient Agreement Update**

- Updates to the Subrecipient Agreement between the Board and Florida Commerce were presented and discussed.

***Operations Update**

- The July 2024 Employment Statistics were presented. The unemployment rate has increased throughout all regions and local counties. Job orders for July dropped significantly to 834 compared to the previous month of 2,031. This is across all industries with only healthcare holding steady. We saw a significant increase in job seeker visits in our career centers. We will continue to monitor this closely.

Adjournment

The Chair moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m.