

# NEW RIVER/MOUNT ROGERS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2020

A meeting of the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board was held on February 26, 2020 at the Wytheville Meeting Center. Those in attendance were as follows:

### **Board Members**

Mike Miller, Chair  
Karen Akers  
Pam Allison  
Howard Bartholomay  
La'Keisha Bowen  
Shirley Carlson  
Joseph Ferrell  
Mary Ann Gilmer  
Rob Goldsmith  
Barry Hollandsworth  
Perry Hughes  
Josh Lewis  
Larry Lindsey  
Jordan Loupe  
Timothy McVey  
John Overton  
Austin Phipps  
Robert Pierce  
Jimmy Smith

### **Alternates**

Phyllis Conner

### **Guests**

Lia Dopp  
Laken Price  
Kaleshia Clark  
Brenda Rigney  
Trent Moore  
Kathy Malone  
Elizabeth Carico

### **Staff**

Marty Holliday  
Ronnie Martin  
Beverly Suthers  
Della Wheeler  
Jenny Bolte

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Ms. Suthers called the roll and a quorum was present.

Due to the absence of the Guest Speaker, Chair Miller revised the current Agenda to move the Guest Speaker after the Committee Reports and informed the Board there would be a closed meeting after the One-Stop Operations & Delivery System Reports. Mr. Goldsmith made the motion to approve the revised Agenda with a second from Mr. Hollandsworth. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Gilmer made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda previously distributed with a second from Mr. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Miller asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board during the public comment period. Hearing none, he proceeded with the agenda.

Chair Miller next called for Committee Reports.

- **One-Stop Operations & Delivery System**: Ms. Holiday updated the Board on the status of the Statewide MOU/IFA. Next she highlighted the Performance numbers that were recently released. Ms. Holiday stated that Ms. Suthers and Program Operators were on top of the Performance numbers and that all performance would have been made is not for half of a person.

Mr. Farrell asked for a closed session to discuss matters concerning the Wytheville Center as authorized in subsection A of § [2.2-3711](#) of the Virginia Code. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. All attendees other than Ms. Holliday, Ms. Connor and Board members left the meeting space while the Board conducted a closed meeting at 10:18 am.

The open meeting resumed at 11:00. Roll call was taken with each member present certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge only matters concerning the Wytheville Center were heard, discussed or considered during the closed session. All members called yes.

Guest Speaker Lia Dopp of the Appalachian Teaching Project presented on the findings and recommendations from their project about difficulty of those in Substance Use Recovery to gain employment.

- **Strategic Plan Committee**: Ms. Holliday reviewed the strategic plan timeline and said that the upcoming surveys would be a skip logic survey which changed depending on how certain questions were answered.

Ms. Biggs, Consortium Board Chair, introduced herself as the new Consortium Board Chair with Ken Belton serving as Vice Chair. She explained that after the November elections the Consortium Board was in the middle of re-organization.

Ms. Holliday reviewed the executive summary and two grant proposals; Tobacco Commission Proposal and ARC POWER Proposal.

Moving on with the agenda, Chair Miller called for partner reports:

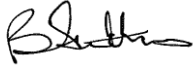
#### **PARTNER REPORTS**

Reports for the following partner agencies were given: Adult Education, Ms. Carlson; Career & Technical Education, Barry Hollandsworth; Community Based Organizations, Mr. Goldsmith; Institute for Higher Education, Perry Hughes; Economic & Community Development, Mr. Lewis; Job Corp, Mr. Loupe; TANF Programs, Larry Lindsey; Virginia's Employment Services, Ms.

Conner; One-Stop Operator Report, Ms. Carico; Youth Project and Success Story, Mr. Moore; and Pathways Grants, Ms. Bolte.

Chair Miller highlighted the 2020 WDB meeting schedule and discussed the Travel Voucher with Board members. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Suthers", written in a cursive style.

Beverly Suthers,  
Workforce Operations Coordinator