

Williston-Elko Business, Education, Community Partnership

May 12, 2014

Minutes

Present were the following:

Ms. Cathy Smith
Mr. Dwayne Cagle
Rev. Jamie Wooten
Mr. Bob Bruns
Dr. Carol Lenderman
Dr. Tom Siler
Mr. Greg Sweet
Ms. Kailyn Williams
Ms. Tammy Rimes
Ms. Megan Sims, WIA
Ms. Donna Roberts, WIA
Ms. Sara Wilson, WIA

Welcome: The May 2014 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bruns. Mr. Dwayne Cagle from Town Council was in attendance and introduced himself to the committee.

Mentoring Program: Greg Sweet informed the committee that the WEMS Mentoring Program was on schedule according to Ms. Wright.

Donna Roberts, WIA, Youth Jobs: Donna Roberts from the SC Works Program introduced herself to the committee. She informed the members that their program focuses on youth ages 16 to 21 who don't have the "usual sources" available. The program pays for the GED program and works with participants for two years to gain necessary training to enter the workforce. Eligible members must be considered low-income and meet a barrier. Currently, the main goal is for In-School Youth. Each school in the region, including 6 counties, is allowed two students.

Sara Wilson then introduced herself to the committee. She works with the On-the-Job Program and talks to businesses about their needs. After gaining knowledge from this, she works with businesses and case managers to get members into job positions for 4 to 8 weeks. She also informed the committee of a Job Club in Barnwell on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., and a Business Service Partner Meeting on June 9, 2014.

Work Keys Prizes: Ms. Smith asked the committee for funds for an Ice Cream Social as an incentive to seniors taking the Work Keys Assessment, not to exceed \$100. The motion was approved.

Sponsorship Plans: The Sponsorship Plans were put off until the next meeting.

New Business: Dr. Tom Siler made a motion to approve spending \$718.48, from the BEC funds, to pay legal fees that were used to create the 501C3 status. The motion was approved. Ideas were brought up to advance the Work Keys test date to an earlier time in anticipation to recognize students at Honors Night and in the Newspaper. Tammy Rimes also mentioned a partnership with Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce. The next meeting was set for Monday, June 9, 2014.

Prepared by Kailyn Williams, Student Body President