COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP

ATLANTA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD NEXTGEN COMMITTEE
August 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present
Ms. Brenda Beverly
Mr. Charles Bivins
Ms. Rosalind Brooks
Ms. Amanda Bryant
Ms. Lisa Collins
Ms. Juli Gilyard
Ms. Dorothy Herzberg
Ms. Myndi Kuhlmann
Mr. Ben Lanier - TCSG
Mr. Chuck Little – Chair
Mr. Chris Moder – Co-Chair
Ms. Angela Myers-Jenkins

Members Absent
Mr. Eddie Barnett
Ms. LeDam Doan
Ms. Maria Guzman
Ms. Dhakiyya Lewis – DHS/DFCS
Ms. Elsa Pena-Guzman
Mr. Ron Scroggy
Ms. Ann Shira
Ms. Stephanie Rooks – ARWDB

Guests
Ms. Deborah Anglin - HNH
Ms. Sonia Carruthers - Cherokee FOCUS
Ms. Barbara Coleman – Connecting Henry
Ms. Eustacia Evans – ResCare
Ms. Christine Grigsby – ResCare
Mr. Jacinto Hall – CPACS
Dr. Natalie Jackson - Eckerd Connects
Ms. Nanya Joseph – TBA
Ms. Kathi Korczk-Schaefer – Cherokee FOCUS
Ms. Esmeralda Lopez – Cherokee FOCUS
Ms. Joan McNeil - TBA
Ms. Tammy Miller – TBA
Ms. Delast Muhammad POC
Ms. Shivanee Roa- POC
Ms. Linda Shepard- PEPP
Ms. Yotin Srivanjarean- CPACS

ARC Staff
Candice Coppin – NextGen Program
Denise Dixon – NextGen Program
Rob LeBeau – Worksource Atlanta Regional
Marsharee O’Connor – NextGen Program
Brittney Oquendo – NextGen Program

The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing.
Mr. Chuck Little called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
ANNOUNCEMENT(S):

A. The NextGen Committee (NGC) continues to operate paperless, except for meetings held outside of ARC office. For copies of the information discussed during the meeting, visit the ARC website https://atlantaregional.org/workforce-economy/boards-and-committees/youth-committee/, under Meeting Archives or send a request to ARC Staff Ms. Marsharee O’Connor via email at MO’Connor@atlantaregional.org.

REQUIRES COMMITTEE ACTION(S):

1. Ms. Rosalind Brooks made the following motion:

   **MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from May 06, 2020.**

   The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Moder and unanimously approved.

2. Ms. Lisa Collins made the following motion:

   **MOTION: Recommendation for ARWDB Approval of NextGen Program (Youth) PY2020 Budget**

   The motion was seconded by Mr. Ben Lanier and unanimously approved.

NEXTGEN COMMITTEE PLANNING AND SERVICES:

A. **PY 20 NextGen Funding Update** – Mr. Rob LeBeau thanked the NGSP’s for their continued efforts during Covid 19. PY 20 budget has been finalized and presented for recommendation for ARWDB approval. Additional PY 19 funding in the amount of $100,000.00 will be used for Work Experience, On-the-Job training, and Apprenticeship opportunities. The transferred funding is only to cover expenses incurred in PY 19. Mr. LeBeau mentioned a 11% decrease in funding from the State for PY 2020, which equated to a $900,000.00 cut in funding to the NGSPs budget for the entire program year.

B. **Special Projects Update** – Ms. O’Connor introduced Ms. Candice Coppin for updates on the NexGen special projects. Ms. Coppin gave a quick update about the Social Welfare Program Initiative (SWPI), all remaining participants have been transferred to the current NextGen Service providers in Clayton and Gwinnett and all required files have been finalized and set for follow-up period. Ms. Coppin addressed new Summer project Career Compass Academy, the 4-week program completed last week. The program had one successful completion due to time constraints for recruitment. Ms. Coppin highly recommends this program for the career exploration component and suggest more time for recruitment in the future and looks forward to the opportunity of renewing this project. Ms. O’Connor mentions due to Covid-19 participation was limited, foresees in better times this project will have a more successful outcome. Mr. LeBeau discussed the start of Career Compass Academy as a regional approach led by Atlanta Career Rise as a virtual Summer program for work experience. Mr. LeBeau offered to the committee, Atlanta Career Rise’s survey data that identifies the results of the program throughout the region for further review of the program’s success.
C. **NextGen Program Status & Taskforce Updates** –
   1. Ms. O’Connor asked the NGSP’s to quickly give an update about their operations during Covid 19 and if any financial assistance has been given due to the pandemic.

   2. Ms. O’Connor asked the taskforce groups to give brief updates on mission statements and action items.

**OTHER DISCUSSIONS:**

A. **PY 2020 NextGen Committee (NGC) Meeting Schedule & Location** –
   The following are the tentative meeting dates:
   - November 10, 2020
   - February 10, 2021
   - May 12, 2021

   Meeting locations have not been determined due to Covid 19.

B. Marsharee O’ Connor requested the Taskforce members to identify what their preferred meeting schedule will be and who will organize the meeting. Ms. O’Connor requested each Taskforce to meet before the next committee meeting on November 10, 2020.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.