

Meeting of Montgomery County Workforce Development Board (WDB)*
July 7, 2021
8:30 AM

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Attendees: Melissa Boone, Elaine Chang-Baxter, Mark Drury, Barbara Ebel, Jerome Fletcher, Wyatt Genser, Steve Greenfield, Courtney Hall, Mahesh Kalva, Beth Lash, Omar Lazo, Lesley MacDonald, Roxana Mejia, Cynthia Rivarde, Derek Turner, Diego Uriburu, Ben Wu, 301-943-6583 (unidentified)

Staff: Tina Edmundson, Administrative Coordinator; Anthony Featherstone, Executive Director; John Hattery, Director of Strategic Initiatives; Harry Thompson; Director of Finance; Sarah Van De Weert, Director of Communications/Government Relations

SummerRISE Students: Olivia Rosemond, MCPS; Kristy Truong; MCPS

CHAIRPERSON WELCOME

Mr. Drury welcomed all members.

Motion to approve June Meeting Minutes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Featherstone provided the Executive Director Report accompanied by a presentation (attached) including:

- Local And Regional Planning
 - Completed and approved in partnership with Frederick and Prince George's Counties
 - 2021-2022 Funding – overview and updates of County, WIOA, and State Budgets
 - WIOA Title 1 Transitions – youth program RFP process completed
 - Organizational Structure – WSM staff size grew from 8 to 31; on-boarding new learning management system; recently completed email migration from Google Workspace to Microsoft Office
 - Additional Funding Sources – WSM collaborated with state representatives on relief act and ARPA funding for local workforce board
 - Re-Engaged Partners – enhanced relationships to better collaborate with AJC partners, MCEDC, non-profit and faith-based communities.
- Looking Ahead
 - AJC Reopening Enhancement – Wheaton AJC will be certified as a United Way Financial Empowerment Center in September 2021
 - Enhanced data tracking and reporting
 - System building – ongoing project of County asset mapping for a central referral and communication hub
 - Community Engagement – will work closely with Director of Programs to put the word out on what's happening with WSM.

- Recovery Programming – organization between training partners and programs. Sector Strategy program may be employed later this year.
- ARPA – would like to release a round of community service grants. Poll will be sent to board following meeting...
- FY21/22 Revenue and Expense Chart – snapshot of how revenue and expenses are broken down.
- See attached slides for specific details and timelines for each target.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Employment Recovery Committee: Ms. Ntewo was unavailable to provide an update.

Program Committee: Barbara Ebel met with WSM to discuss how to use funds. Talked about developing a survey for employers to let us know what certifications potential employees should have prior to hiring.

Business and Community Engagement Committee: Mr. Turner says they did not meet last month but expressed excitement about community engagement information and efforts shared by Mr. Featherstone.

Mr. Drury opened the floor for questions/comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 AM.

The next meeting will take place on August 4, 2021 at 8:30 AM.