

Meeting of Montgomery County Workforce Development Board (WDB)*
May 4, 2021
8:30 AM

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Attendees: Elaine Chang-Baxter, Mark Drury, Barbara Ebel, Gordon Ellis, Jerome Fletcher, Steve Greenfield, Courtney Hall, Mahesh Kalva, Mary Lang, Beth Lash, Omar Lazo, Lesley MacDonald, Roxana Meija, Derek Turner, Ben Wu

Staff: Anthony Featherstone, Executive Director; Sarah Van De Weert, Communications & Marketing Manager; Tina Edmundson, Administrative Coordinator; John Hattery, Director of Development

CHAIRPERSON WELCOME

Mr. Drury welcomed all members.

Summer Rise 2021 Report

Mr. Featherstone and Ms. Chang- Baxter encouraged board members to sign up to be hosts for Summer RISE students. Ms. Baxter also presented a slide deck (attached) with more detailed information on Summer RISE 2021.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

- Strategic Targets
 - 2020-2024 Local Plan- LMI gathered and Stake holder engagement complete.
 - 2021-2022 Funding- Overview and updates of County, WIOA, and State Budget
 - WIOA OSY Procurement- Overview of RFP, Received three proposal. Stated Community Workforce Advancements will evaluate proposals and present recommendations by 5/12., which in turn will be provided to Executive Committee by 5/14
 - Career Edge- Virtual Career Center will be deployed by 7/1. An overview of features included was presented.
 - Strategic Initiatives- Provided updates on the following: Mobile Unit, Asset Map and Mobile Application, Green Pre-Apprenticeship, Regional Skill-Up Initiative, WANADA/ADEI Automotive Apprenticeship, Bio- Bootcamp #2, DOCR Re-Entry, AJC Re-Opening Planning
 - Capacity Building- Gave an overview of WSM Vacancies.
- See attached slides for specific details and timelines for each target.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Program Committee: Ms. Bell-was unavailable to provide an update.

Business and Community Engagement Committee: Mr. Turner had no update.

Mark Drury opened the floor for questions/comments:

Mary Lang requested slides for Summer RISE and Executive Director Update.

Mr. Featherstone added an update on Montgomery County's allocation of \$75 million and WSM's plans to increase apprenticeship with the money they receive.

Ms. Chang-Baxter requested the board come together to figure out a strategy on how to engage businesses with one voice.

Ms. Lang added her collaboration with Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Turner and Mr. Featherstone to hold a summit in the summer to bring together the industry and educators to discuss their needs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 AM.

The next meeting will take place on June 2, 2021 at 8:30 AM.