WorkSource Georgia Mountains

Youth Committee Meeting

**Virtual Meeting:**

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**January 26, 2022 – 11:30 am**

**MINUTES**

The Youth Committee met virtually through Zoom due to the COVID-19 issuance.

**Meeting Called to Order**:

Youth Committee Chair Shelby Ward called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. The following members were present:

Members:

Shelby Ward

Staci Crain

Shannon Cole

Rita Holmes

Brenda Dalin

Lynne Warren

Staff:

Angela Pugh

Ebony Tucker

Juston Kearby

Shameka Harrison

Whitney Williams

Heather Feldman

Guest

Kodi Maxwell, Maxwell Mentors CEO

**Program Updates**:

Program updates were given by Ebony Tucker, Youth Program Supervisor.

* SHIFT Program Update
* The SHIFT program is still looking to hire a part-time GED Instructor. The hours are from 9-12 pm, Tuesday through Thursday. The pay rate is $18.50/hour, and the position will be hired through Lanier Technical College. Ms. Tucker requested that all interested parties email their resumes to her. She also informed the committee that there are seven slots available in the in-house GED program and the program is accepting new applications.
* Workshop Update
  + Youth Staff has been working hard to develop and revamp new workshop material. Ebony stated if anyone was interested in having staff attend events to provide workshops to let her know.
  + Staff will be attending the 2022 GHTIC Transition Fair for in Hall County, on March 18th , as well as the Dawson County Teen Maze on April 1st
* Boot Camp Update
  + Ms. Tucker stated that they are currently looking for students to fill the Electromechanical Bootcamp that will take place late February to early March.
  + Staff continues to work with Forsyth County Schools to host a Welding Bootcamp in partnership with Workforce Innovators of America for early June 2022.
  + Union County has also requested an Employability Bootcamp for late May 2022
* College Program Update
  + Ebony explained that she has had a lot of previous students contact her regarding returning to school in the upcoming semesters, and also students that have completed their GED on their own and are planning to attend college. She informed the committee that they are actively accepting application for all programs and if they knew of any eligible students to let the staff know.

**New Business**

Kodi Maxwell, CEO of Maxwell Mentors, presented program details for his mentoring program.

Maxwell Mentors is a non-profit program based in the Greater Hall County Area and serves youth ages 16-25. The program offers a comprehensive curriculum designed to address the core problems facing young adults in the community. Though community business partnerships they are able to provide job opportunities to the youth enrolled in the mentor program. Though their Leadership Development and Youth Success Programs they are able to assist youth in making career choices, learning about the different types of careers, and the different training opportunities that are available to them. Part of the Success Program Maxwell Mentors partners with schools, organization, and individuals to train and educate young adults on careers and soft skills.

Mr. Maxwell stated that they are a fairly new program but has already partnered with the Hall County Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC) to help in the transition process for students once they have been released back into the community.

Ebony stated that WIOA will be assisting Maxwell Mentors with GED prep and subsidized work experiences.

**Partner Updates**

Shannon Cole, Lanier Technical college updated the committee with the status of the new technical certificate programs the college now offers to students with out GED. The Certified Nursing Assistant Cohort is currently in progress with twelve students, and the Early Childhood Care & Education Basics currently has three students. Lanier Tech will be offering Industrial Fluid Power Technician and Auto Electrical/ Electronic Systems Technician later in the year.

Lynne Warren, Banks County High School announced that she will be retiring this May and will hopefully be able to introduce us to her replacement at the next committee meeting.

**Old Business:**

Shannon Cole, Dean of Adult Education, gave motion to approve the June Youth Committee Meeting minutes. Lynne Warren, Banks County High School seconded the motion all were in favor, motion carried.

**Future Meetings:**

April 13, 2022 will be the date of the next meeting. The hope is to have an in-person option for the next meeting.

**Adjournment**:

Meeting adjourned by Chairwoman Ward.