

CareerSource NEFL Executive Committee Minutes

February 23, 2022, 9:00-10:30

Zoom Meeting

In Attendance:

Wayne McClain

Clay Lyons

Joe Pickens

Elaine Johnson

Darryl Register

Jake Schickel

Excused/Absent:

Kevin Doyle

CareerSource NEFL staff:

Bruce Ferguson

Rebecca Livingston

Cheryl Taylor

Steven Dionisio

Melissa Terbruggen

Brandy Buckingham

Consent Agenda

Wayne McClain called meeting to order and confirmed there was a quorum present.

Consent Agenda includes approval of the following:

- December 8, 2021, Executive Committee Minutes

Wayne McClain made motion to approve minutes. First – Jake Schickel. Second –Elaine Johnson.

Motion unanimously accepted consent agenda and approved the three items.

Operations Update, Rebecca Livingston

Reviewed employment figures for the Northeast Florida (NEFL) region. Reviewed the December unemployment statistics of 3.2% across the region which is the same percentage as the state of Florida.

Center visits peaked in September 2021 with a decrease during the holiday months. CSNEFL anticipates an increase of 10% to 15% in center visits in February from January. More individuals are coming to centers looking for jobs and less are asking for assistance with reemployment assistance (RA).

Job order trends – in January 2022 there were over 3300 job orders compared to 2800 job orders in January 2020 (before pandemic). In October 2021 we had the largest spike of job orders in the last several years.

By industry, the finance and insurance industry had the highest amount of job growth in our region. The healthcare industry had the second highest.

Jobs most impacted by COVID- 19 include administrative support which spiked in job growth when others did not. Accommodation/food service decreased at the end of the year but anticipate job growth to increase again in 2022.

Question: Elaine Johnson asked if we have seen an increase in job seekers attending job fairs?

There has been an increase in job seekers at events. CSNEFL has several events scheduled:

- 1) Spring Job Fair with FSCJ in March
- 2) Virtual Job Fair in April
- 3) Partnering with High schools (Duval, Clay, and Baker) with their senior recruitment nights

Question: Jake Schickel – has there been much reaction to the Entrepreneurship article? Suggested to make sure we include more information regarding the steps to connect with CareerSource NEFL.

Comment: Clay Lyons stated how helpful the CareerSource staff is in helping job seekers.

SNAP Funding Update, Rebecca Livingston

CSNEFL received about half of our funding for SNAP E&T. This lack of funding is happening across all regions in the state. The limit is due to DCF working with the Federal government to approve the state plan. Beginning of this month, CSNEFL ran out of SNAP funding and, as a result, CSNEFL came close to discontinuing services for SNAP customers. However, we received additional funding to provide services through April. Clarified that CSNEFL does not provide the food stamp benefits, rather CSNEFL provides the support to ensure SNAP customers are looking for jobs and related supports for employment. Therefore, if we are forced to discontinue benefits due to lack of funding, this should not directly impact SNAP customers getting their benefits. We continue to watch this closely.

Regional Workforce Forum

Planning the Forum which will be held at UNF on April 28th and is titled “Recruiting, Retaining, and Reskilling in the Changing Economy.” Target is businesses

Board meeting will be in the morning and forum in the afternoon.

Speakers – Ron Hetrick, EMSI/Burning Glass to talk about demographic draught and key learnings. Sonia Malik, Learning Alliance Manager for IBM Training and Skills – talk about some of the innovative things

IMB is doing to ensure it has the talent now and in the future. Followed by local panelists to talk about the topic.

Comment: Jake Schickel suggested a local update on career academies during the Forum

Strategic Visioning Update, Rebecca Livingston

In-School Youth

- CSNEFL will host a summer internship program called CHOICES.
- Looking for organizations and business that will be hosting students this summer.
- Will provide information to the Board regarding how to best get involved.
- CSNEFL will provide the stipend, career counselors, and related support.
- Cost to businesses is only employee time and equipment to complete tasks.
- Coordinating point is Youth Services.

Customers Centered Design (CCD)

- Shared final sign for Welfare Transition/SNAP signage which is now at Market

Expanding Apprenticeships

- Will be attending Construction Career Days – it is estimated that 3500 students will attend the event.
- Conversations continue with Transportation Industry regarding CDL needs and Apprenticeships
- Working very closely with the State of Florida

Stakeholder awareness

- Highlighted the news article regarding entrepreneurs that received assistance through CSNEFL

REACH Act Meeting, Bruce Ferguson

- Realignment/consolidation discussion with State – State is funding a research study regarding options
- Study will go to CSFL in June with next steps

No Public comments

Next Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting on March 23, 2022

Adjourn