

CareerSource NEFL Executive Committee Minutes

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

Zoom Meeting

In Attendance:

Wayne McClain

Clay Lyons

Joe Pickens

Elaine Johnson

Darryl Register

Jake Schickel

Kevin Doyle

CareerSource NEFL staff:

Bruce Ferguson

Rebecca Livingston

Cheryl Taylor

Steven Dionisio

Melissa Terbruggen

Brandy Buckingham

Ivette Berrios

Javen Loy

Other:

Anna Lebesch

Consent Agenda

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

Consent Agenda includes approval of the following:

- February 23, 2022, Executive Committee Minutes

Wayne McClain made motion to approve minutes. First –Darryl Register. Second –Elaine Johnson.

Motion unanimously accepted consent agenda and approved the three items.

Operations Update, Bruce Ferguson

Reviewed January employment statistics because no new statistics are released in February.

3.3% unemployment for the region which is slightly up from last month.

Low of 2.6% unemployment in St. Johns County and high of 5% in Putnam County.

Starting to see people return to the labor market.

Gained almost 30 thousand of new jobs since last year.

Transportation and utilities dropped which is curious due to this industry being a high growth industry.

Professional services had the highest growth followed by leisure and hospitality.

Career Center traffic – pattern is similar to last year, but still lower in terms of number of visitors. About 2300 individuals came through the centers in February 2022. Starting to see a higher interest in training – in particular, CDL training. Enrollment for FSCJ is up 6% from last year.

Job Orders – continuing to see a decline but the 2800 number is still very strong. We are holding hiring and recruitment events regularly in the job centers.

Top 10 Occupations in EmployFlorida – Software IT, Management Analysts, and RNs are all in demand.

At a recent meeting, local hospitals totaled open direct healthcare positions to be about 1000 open positions. UF Health is short 200 nurses. Clinical capacity and oversight are a major problem.

Comment – Elaine Johnson - The number of traveling nurses is increasing. Local hospitals are short-staffed in providing basic care.

Comment - Joe Pickens – In the entry healthcare jobs we find a lack of applicants. At the RN level and above there are candidates, but the education system does not have the capacity to meet the needs of the applicants and job openings. Confirmed that lack of clinical opportunities is a major problem.

Comment – Elaine Johnson- In 2006, the local hospital leadership came together to look at a model where hospitals had their own training program.

Comment - Joe Pickens – Discussed the expansion in training infrastructure for healthcare field but we still have a capacity issue.

Comment -Wayne McClain -- HCA hospital just started a nursing school in Gainesville.

Legislative Update, Bruce Ferguson

REACH Act requires the state to analyze a potential realignment of the workforce boards in the state within the guidelines of WIOA. State is engaging the local boards and local elected officials.

CareerSource FL has contracted out to a research firm to conduct a report regarding realignment recommendations.

Strategic Visioning Update, Rebecca Livingston

In-School Youth Internship program

- CSNEFL will host a summer internship program called CHOICES.
- Received over 20 employers interested and 90 individual internship opportunities – across all counties and high-growth industries.
- Conducting career fairs with the local high schools for graduating seniors – over 50 employers expressed interest.
- State is applying for a Waiver for our WIOA youth funding to go to 50—50 in school/out of school. This waiver should help us do more for at-risk in-school youth

NEFL 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.
- Scheduled for April 28 at UNF
- Reviewed speakers and panelists scheduled for the forum

No Public Comments

Next Meeting

Full Board Meeting on April 28, 2022

Adjourn