

**CareerSource Northeast Florida
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes – May 24, 2023**

Members in attendance:

L. Wayne McClain
Kevin Doyle
Elaine Johnson
Joe Pickens
John (Jake) Schickel
Clay Lyons

Excused/Absent:

Darryl Register

Staff: Bruce Ferguson, Rebecca Livingston, Cheryl Taylor, Jay Loy, Steven Dionisio, Ivette Berrios, Melissa Terbrueggen, Angie Pineiro, Brandy Buckingham

Welcome and call to order:

9:00 a.m. Chairman, Wayne McClain welcomed the Executive Committee members and called the meeting to order.

ACTION ITEMS

February 22, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes made by Joe Pickens; seconded by Elaine Johnson; motion passed unanimously, and minutes approved.

Operations Update:

- April 2023 employment statistics were presented and reviewed. As a region, the unemployment rate dropped again down to 2.3%. Florida's unemployment rate continues to outperform the country. There were 31,700 net new jobs for the year from April 2022. We have a 4.1% growth rate across all sectors which is very healthy. Numbers look great across our targeted industries.
- Although our customer flow did drop off from the month of March down to 3,079, we are over 3,000 for every month and on pace to have approximately 38,000 to 39,000 job seekers in our job centers. This will put us above all 3 previous years.

- The career center on Beach Blvd as relocated a few doors down in the same shopping center. The new location is now open and fully operational. We are hosting a statewide Partners Council meeting including CareerSource Florida senior staff and DEO senior staff at this location this afternoon.
- Job orders are steady. Job order numbers for May are on pace to where we were last month.
- Recruitment events continue to be strong and steady. Attendance among job seekers is better this year. The recruitment event in Palatka was well attended. Other events included a partnered event with SHRM Jacksonville; a partnered event with Florida Department of Corrections, Operation New Hope and FSCJ; and Hire Duval.

PY 2023-2024 Funding Update:

- Planning allocations for 2023-2024 were reviewed discussing the major categories. Our total budget will exceed the \$13 million. The biggest one to note is the TANF transition which is taking about a \$500,000 reduction. Every region in the state is taking a reduction except for Miami-Dade. Miami-Dade County is gaining \$4.5 million in TANF funding. Discussion occurred regarding the calculation method and the drivers for the funding distribution. WIOA supplemental will receive \$440,350. In total, we are down \$144,785 in funding.
- The October Full Board meeting is October 19, 2023, at the WJCT Studios. Committee members were reminded to complete their Statement of Financial Interest (Form 1) prior to June 16, 2023.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.