

CAPE FEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

Special Session • Friday, October 5, 2018

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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CONFERENCE CALL

Members Present:

Jim Kornegay, Chair	Melissa Singler	Karl Zurl	Carolyn Crocker
Scarlett Chalmers	Angie Ball	Gordon Corlew	Jean Duncan
Bob Ferraro	Gary Lanier	Mark Lanier	Karen Pleva
Fred Spain	Yasmin Tomkinson	Teresa Woods-Cox	

Absent:

Joaquin Cuevas	Dale Perry	Greg Washington
John Ashley	Jai Robinson	

CFWD Staff Present:

Ginger Brick Karen Schraml

1. Call to Order, Welcome, & Opening Comments

Jim Kornegay called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement

Jim Kornegay read the Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement and asked board members who have not executed their Conflict of Interest form to do that at this time.

3. National Dislocated Worker Grant

Ginger Brick had emailed a Fact Sheet regarding the National Dislocated Worker Grant that was approved for the Cape Fear area as a result of Hurricane Florence. The grant allows us to identify the need in the community where there are job positions that were created due to Florence. Those jobs may be labor related, repairs, cleanup, or humanitarian efforts. The other part of the grant is the participant pool. People who are unemployed due to Florence or who are unable to go back to work because of Florence. The state has given the CFWDB \$1.5 million and the staff has been weighing three options for managing the funds. One option was to manage it entirely in-house at the COG. It was determined that the COG wasn't set up to operate a program of this magnitude where we would be cutting checks for participant wages. Another option was to hire in house but use temporary agencies for payroll. The third option was to run the program through our existing contractors who already work with dislocated worker populations and are in our career centers. After evaluating the merits of the options, it was determined that running it through our existing contractors is probably the most efficient way to handle it and provide the least amount of staff involvement. Our contractors who currently work with dislocated workers are Southeastern Community College in Columbus County and EDSI in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties. The funds would provide for a case manager in each county. We are looking at funding each of the counties \$330,000 to start. Some of the funds would be held to retain a coordinator in the COG office to oversee the program. The remaining funds would be held and may be awarded to the contractors at a later date if a need is determined for it. The

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board members asked questions about the grant funds and Ginger Brick responded to the satisfaction of the board.

Gary Lanier made a motion to accept the funds and Gordon Corlew seconded the motion and the full board voted to approve the motion.

MOTION PASSED: Approving the acceptance of the National Dislocated Worker Grant funds in the amount of \$1.5 million.

Gary Lanier made a motion to approve awarding the existing dislocated worker contractors \$330,000 per county to run the program. The motion was seconded by Fred Spain and the full board voted to approve the motion.

MOTION PASSED: Approving the awarding of the existing dislocated worker contractors the sum of \$330,000 per county to run the program.

4. Chairman/Member Comments

Jim Kornegay asked Ginger Brick to let the board know of upcoming items at the December board meeting. Ginger Brick informed the board that staff hopes to have the Finish Line Grants ready for approval and the election of officers at the December meeting. There is also a need to fill board vacancies.

5. Adjourn

There being no further comments, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and Jim Kornegay declared the meeting closed at 3:00 p.m.

6. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 3:00PM at the Pender County Government Complex, 805 South Walker Street, Burgaw, NC.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Schraml
Fiscal Compliance Officer

Jim Kornegay
Chair