



CAPITAL AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2007

The Capital Area Workforce Development Board met in regular session Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Workforce Development Training Center, Raleigh, North Carolina. Members present: Zena Anderson, Bob Barham, Bruce Clarke, Barrie Davis, JoAnne Honeycutt (for Dr. Anthony Parker), Linda Horton, Kenny Gibbs, Susan Jackson, Terry Keene (for Earl Marett), Norma Owen, Dr. Donald Reichard, Nelson Rose, David Rockefeller (for Dr. Del Burns), Michele Tavernise, and Durwood Woodall. Staff: Regina Crooms, Nikki Marshall, Brenda Wilkerson, Joan Lindley, Jane Sterner, Georgia Steele Alfreda Barnett, Massaline Thomas and Darius Morris. Guests: Carmen Carroll, Wake County JobLink; Nancy Bartholomew, Johnston County JobLink; Reginna Ford, Employment Security Commission Raleigh Office; Becky Long, Employment Security Commission Cary Office; Lisa Arnette, Employment Security Commission Raleigh Office; Milton Walker, Employment Security Commission Raleigh Office; Sonya Hall, Telamon Corporation; Anthony Harris, Telamon Corporation; Gary Snow, Johnston County Sheriff Office; Chris Droessler, Wake County Public School System; Samantha Chrisp, Telamon Corporation; Louis Driver, Community Partnerships Incorporated; Dana Martinez, Community Partnerships Incorporated; Barry Edwards, Workforce Development Board Director's Council; Matt Schnars, Haven House; Shatterra Wells, Haven House; Carol Collins, Community Partnerships, Incorporated; Tom White, Division of Employment and Training; Jim Babson, Career America; Quenton Cooper, Wake County Humans Services.

Chairman Barham called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Chairman Barham asked were there any corrections to the draft minutes of December 7, 2006. Barrie Davis noted a correction. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Chairman Barham announced that the Capital Area Board has made a special effort to highlight our youth participants. Matt Schnars, Program Director of Haven House talked to the Board about the many services they offer to youth. Mr. Schnars introduced Shatterra Wells who is a WIA youth participant in the Project Ready program. Ms. Wells talked about how the program has helped her to find a job and also attend school. Ms. Wells stated that she is in the process of registering for the Certified Nursing Assistant Program. Gerald Mitchell offered to help Ms. Wells receive her Associate degree at Wake Technical Community College when she finishes her Certified Nursing Assistant program. Durwood Woodall asked Mr. Schnars how the youth are made award of the program; and Mr. Schnars stated, by word of mouth. Samantha Chrisp of Project Pride a WIA youth participant with the Telamon Corporation shared with the Board how the program has enabled her to work at a mortgage company doing On-the-Job Training as and Assistant Loan officer. Ms. Chrisp stated that her training is almost up and she is looking to be hired permanently with this company. Her hope is the company will send her to Atlanta, Georgia for further training. Anthony Harris, Case Manager for the Telamon Corporation talked about the youth services they offer. Chairman Barham thanked the participants for coming and sharing their stories with the Board. Chairman Barham called on Gary Snow, Chairman of the Capital Area Youth Council to give a mid-year update. Mr. Snow reported on the four youth

contractors, which are Haven House; Telamon Corporation; Johnston County Industries and Community Partnerships Incorporated. Chris Droessler, Vice-Chair of the Youth Council reported on program goals and the opening of two Savvy Youth Information Centers. Mr. Droessler announced the upcoming Youth Summit on March 1st. Nikki Marshall introduced Quinton Cooper a new Youth Council member. Joan Lindley acknowledged Ms. Marshall for the great work she is doing with the youth program.

Chairman Barham called on Darius Morris the fiscal officer for Capital Area to give the Board a mid-year funding update. Mr. Morris gave a report on Capital Area's funding and expenditures through the month of December 06. Michele Tavernise asked if we were aware of any additional funding limitations.

Chairman Barham stated that they would find out more about funding when they attend the National Association of Workforce Boards Conference this weekend. Chairman Barham thanked Mr. Morris for his report.

Chairman Barham commented on the JobLink Partner Retreat that was recently held. Chairman Barham called on Durwood Woodall, JobLink Committee Chair for a summary of the JobLink long-range plan. Mr. Woodall commented on the facilitator Kathleen Sturgis and how she was able to get everyone so motivated and involved. Committees were formed as a result of this retreat.

Mr. Woodall thanked Jane Sterner for her assistance with the planning of the JobLink Partner retreat. Mr. Woodall talked about how the meeting at Johnston County JobLink with the Johnston County Commissioners was very successful. Mr. Woodall said it was a good way to get the word out to the elected officials. Chairman Barham stated that we are moving in the right direction.

Moving on to other business Chairman Barham announced the DOL Wired Grant opportunity to the Board. Chairman Barham announced that Capital Area received notice that there is a 3rd generation grant opportunity that is designed to fully engage workforce investment boards in collaborative partnerships within regional economies nationwide. Individual awards are anticipated to be \$5 million over three years. The proposal due date is April 13, 2007. Regina Crooms stated she would be attending a regional meeting on February 28th to discuss the grant. Ms. Crooms mentioned that Capital Area had solicited additional funds from the state to help with regional planning. It was secured for \$70,000.00. Ted Abernathy with the Research Triangle Partnership heads this up for our region. Chairman Barham asked the Board for a consensus on submitting and application. Mr. Woodall asked would this be something different are completely new? Ms. Crooms stated this would be something new. Ms. Crooms further explained the grant. Discussion continued. Barrie Davis made a motion and Susan Jackson second that Capital Area apply for this grant.

Chairman Barham announced that a delegation from Northern Ireland would be visiting our JobLink Career Center at Johnston Community College. Dr. Donald Reichard stated that this is the 6th time they have visited. They will be looking at education and workforce.

Chairman Barham announced that this month's Board member spotlight would be Durwood Woodall. Mr. Woodall started out by saying he was raised on a farm. Married in 1967 to Melva and they have two sons Shane and Jamie. Have two grandchildren. The entire family has attended the Princeton School. Mr. Woodall stated that his family loves music and he sings, his

sister plays the piano, Shane plays guitar and piano Jamie plays professional concert bass guitar with a band in Wilmington and his grandson also plays the violin and piano. Mr. Woodall family has a singing group called the Woodall Trio. Mr. Woodall stated that he attended a Career Day and that was how he learned what career he wanted to pursue. Mr. Woodall attended Wilson Technical where he received an Associate degree. Mr. Woodall is the owner of Tarheel Tooling. Mr. Woodall announced that he is a Christian, and that is what has kept him grounded. Mr. Woodall is a volunteer fire fighter. Joined the National Guard in 1996. Choir Director for 35 years. Chairman Barham thanked Mr. Woodall.

Chairman Barham thanked Tom White of the North Carolina Department of Employment for attending the meeting.

Chairman Barham opened the floor for other business. Gerald Mitchell announced that last October, Wake Technical Community College sponsored Disney Keys to Excellence and they are going to do another program called Team Creativity on March 13th at the campus. Mr. Woodall mentioned that he would like the Board to start capturing the youth stories that they share with the Board. Ms. Crooms stated they she would have these articles documented in the Capital Area Board newsletter.

Nancy Bartholomew made the following announcements:

1. Johnston County JobLink along with Johnston County Industries will host a Youth Fair on May 3rd.
2. Capital Area Career Fair on April 18th.
3. Johnston Community College JobLink Career Fair on May 16th.

Ms. Bartholomew thanked Mr. Woodall for his support on meeting with the Johnston County Commissioners.

Regina Crooms made the following announcements:

1. Capital Area Board retreat on March 16th.
2. Capital Area Youth Summit on March 1st.
3. National Association of Workforce Board Conference on February 24-27, 2007.

Chairman Barham thanked everyone for coming and announced the next meeting is scheduled for April 26th in Johnston County. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.