



**Strategic Policy & Planning Committee Meeting**  
**February 9, 2022**  
**3:30pm – 4:30pm**

**Present:** Scott Watson, Cristina Parades, Antonio Jefferson, Kevin Vaughn, Erin Gillespie, Amy Geiger, and Shelly Bell

**Staff:** Jim McShane, Dee Robinson

**Recording:** Patricia McCray

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Paredes called the meeting to order.

**II. ACTION ITEM I – Meeting Minutes Approval for November 30, 2021**

The chair directed everyone to the November 30, 2021, SPPC meeting minutes.

**Motion:** The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Antonio made the motion to approve, and Kevin seconded—all in favor.

**III. INFORMATIONAL ITEM I – The Workforce Alliance Grant Update**

Chair Paredes asked Jim to provide an update on the Workforce Alliance Grant.

Jim outlined that they would get significant partners if they were to get the \$10M grant. Jim stated that he is ready to put in all the information with the letters of support received from peers and the letters from the business community. He thanked Matt for doing an excellent job combining the nine Workforce Board budgets into one budget over the weekend, which was a challenge. Jim stated they are down to the last three hours, he included the CSCR Interlocal agreement and the Bylaws showing that our government partners and counties are behind us. We have added all sorts of data and agreements. Jim stated that he is hopeful they will get it.

Chair Paredes asked if anyone had any questions for Jim on the grant. No one had any questions.

**IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEM II – Legislative Data Request**

Dee told members of the meeting that the legislature requested performance and financial information for each local area. DEO compiled the information and notified the local areas on its monthly teleconference of the request. Local areas were provided a copy of the data; however, it was quickly ascertained that the information DOE provided did not align with the data available to

the local areas. There are many concerns about the type of picture that the data can paint for the legislative staff without the appropriate context.

There is a significant difference between the number provided and the data they could extract from the system. As indicated in the DEO spreadsheet for program 2021, they have 157 people served as a WIOA adult based on the data available to us. CSCR has 60 which is a big difference between the number that they reported versus the number that CSCR was able to extract out of the system. The figure for the participant served versus the company figure differs. As such, it could only be assumed that the ninety-four (94) reported is ninety-four (94) out of one hundred and fifty-seven (157). Dee said she is also unsure which services they used to determine what they reported. She further stated that they requested the data behind the numbers seen in the report. Once that information is given, they will create a formal report for the leadership team and the board to understand it better. Dee asked if anyone had any questions.

Chair Paredes asked the purpose of the legislative request for the data.

Dee responded by outlining that she didn't have any information to respond to this question. She just received the information and is presenting the data.

Scott asked if CSCR had gotten an explanation about the difference in the data?

Dee stated yes, and CSCR is still waiting for a response from DEO.

## **V. INFORMATIONAL ITEM III – Performance Improvement Plan Update**

Dee mentioned that most of the requested items for the PIP were submitted. In some instances, they are still trying to improve performance. Additional action plans are also being put in place to ensure that they tackle all aspects of the PIP. Based on the review of the elements of the PIP, it is too early to discontinue the PIP without having more time to see if the changes made will have the desired effect. Also, there are still several other areas in which the service provider did not make much headway in implementing the PIP. Also, after next Tuesday, they will know whether or not they will have a second-period PIP.

## **VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM IV – EDO Quarterly Reports (All Counties)**

**Antonio** said he would be brief. He further mentioned that things are going well in Gadsden County. He further noted that the City of Quincy got a grant to help develop a county-wide strategic plan. They met with all the prominent CEOs in different communities, got feedback, and compiled it. They expect to receive the draft strategic report towards the end of February to finalize how to present the report to the community.

Chair Paredes thanked Antonio for the report and support he gave the previous day.

Chair Paredes told the committee that they are working with Amazon Web Services to host a round table conversation on Friday at 11 o'clock. She then stated that it was time to put the Leon Works Expo back into an in-person event. The date is on April 22, 2022.

Amy proceeded to report on Wakulla County. She noted that they had just finished their first year with Beth and Judy as their EDC coordinators, and they had just completed the 2021 annual report, which had a lot of good highlights. For just this year, they were able to secure five (5) grants for the county. They are also in the process of revamping their EDC board to represent various sectors in the community.

Chair Paredes thanked Amy for the report that she gave.

## **VII. Adjourn**

Chair Parades thanked everyone for their time and attention on the critical matters they spoke about and wished everyone a wonderful day.