
MEETING MINUTES

BROWARD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC. & CAREERSOURCE BROWARD COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Partnership Meeting #250
Thursday, August 24, 2023
CareerSource Broward Boardroom
2890 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309**

The Board and Council are reminded of the conflict-of-interest provisions. In declaring a conflict, please refrain from voting or discussion and declare the following information: 1) your name and position on the Board 2) the nature of the conflict and 3) who will gain or lose as a result of the conflict. Please also fill out form 8B prior to the meeting whether or not you are able to attend the meeting if you have a conflict with any agenda items.

Attendees via Zoom/in person: Mayor Josh Levy, Commissioner Tim Ryan, Zac Cassidy, Dr. Ben Chen, Paul Farren, Cynthia Gaber, Dr. Lisa Knowles, Dawn Liberta, Felipe Pinzon, Cynthia Sheppard, Jim Ryan, Francois Leconte, Shane Strum, Marjorie Walters, Tara Williams, Robert Swindell, Mark Schaunaman, Rick Shawbell, Dr. Stacy Volnick, Rufus James, and Heiko Dobrikow, who chaired the meeting.

Guests: Dr. Peter Licata, Tamika Lloyd, Gabriela Gracia, Eugene Bold and Jason Kruszka, Commissioner Ryan's office.

Staff: Carol Hylton, Ron Moffett, Mark Klinecicz, Rochelle Daniels, Tony Ash, Kim Bryant, Kaminnie Kangal, Latema King, and Natalie Joseph-Cauley.

MISSION MOMENT

Tamica Lloyd, a manager at Exclusive Property Management, who hosted youth for the Summer Youth Employment Program, provided the mission moment. Ms. Lloyd shared her wonderful experience with the program and thanked the board for their support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the 6/22 BWDB meeting #249.

On a motion made by Jim Ryan and seconded by Dawn Liberta, the BWDB/CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the minutes of the 6/22 Meeting #249.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are items that may not need individual discussion and may be voted on as one item. Any member wishing to discuss an item may move to have it considered individually.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion made by Mayor Josh Levy and seconded by Zac Cassidy, the BWDB/CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the Consent Agenda of 8/24.

1. Monthly Performance Report

The current performance for the month of June was provided. The data reflects that within the Big 7 Regions, CSBD is in a four-way tie for 1st in WIOA Entered Employment Rate (EER), 1st in Veterans EER, 1st in Welfare Transition EER, All Family participation rate and Two-parent participation rate and ranks 2nd in Wagner Peyser EER.

2. Letters of Support

Letters of support were written for 1) OIC of South Florida's application to the US DOL for the Critical Sector Job quality grant 2) the David Posnack Jewish Community Center for their HIRE-Ability initiative 3) Junior Achievement to add their Marketing Innovation certification to the Master Credentials List 4) Florida Atlantic University's application for the Social and Economic Mobility grant 5) Nova Southeastern University application for the Medical Technology Hub Grant and Quick Response Training Grants for 6) Berkowitz Pollack Brant Advisors to support the creation of 98 jobs 7) West Marine to support the creation of 25 jobs 8) Premier Healthcare Centers to support the creation of 207 jobs and 9) total Network Consulting to support the creation of 2 jobs.

REGULAR AGENDA

These are items that the Council and Board will discuss individually in the order listed on the Agenda. Individuals who wish to participate in these discussions may do so merely by raising their hand during the discussion and being recognized by the Chair. The Chair will determine the order in which each individual will speak and the length of time allotted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Broward Workforce Development Board Appointment

Considered approval of the appointment of Dr. Peter Licata, Superintendent of Broward County Public Schools to fill the mandatory core partner Adult Basic Education and Family Literacy Act seat on the BWDB. The CSBD Council of Elected officials appoints board members by a vote of the Council following a recommendation from the Board. *(This is in alignment with the Board goal to maintain our role as workforce development leaders through advocacy by the board, collaboration, and providing information and intelligence to stakeholders with feedback from the community.)*

Mr. Dobrikow introduced Dr. Peter Licata to the board and thanked him for his commitment to youth. Mr. Dobrikow informed Dr. Licata that the board is focused on rebuilding the workforce, beginning with the youth.

Dr. Licata highlighted his experience working with CareerSource Palm Beach and thanked the members for their consideration of him to join the Board.

Ms. Hylton expressed appreciation to Dr. Licata for his willingness to join the board. She stated that CSBD has a long history of partnership with the school board and is looking forward to working with Dr. Licata on future initiatives. Ms. Hylton informed the members that a meeting has been scheduled to meet with the new head of the CTACE program to discuss strengthening our relationship with the Technical Colleges.

On a motion made by Mayor Josh Levy and seconded by Commissioner Tim Ryan, the CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Peter Licata, Superintendent of Broward County Public Schools, to the BWDB.

2. WIOA Work Experience Contract Approval with Broward County

Considered approval of a WIOA Work Experience contract with Broward County for PY 23/24. WEX contracts are non-financial, as CareerSource Broward is the employer of record. Because Board members Tara Williams and Sandy Michael McDonald are employed by Broward County, they will need to declare a conflict of interest, and a 2/3 vote of the Board members present at a meeting with an established quorum is required. Approved at the 8/14 Executive Committee. *(This is in alignment with the Board goal to align Broward County community services (social services and education) to maximize employment and work opportunities for targeted populations veterans, youth, individuals with disabilities, and ex-offenders.)*

Mr. Dobrikow asked Ms. Hylton to introduce and present the item.

Ms. Hylton explained Broward County has an internship program that provides college students with human service experience. Providing this contract will expand the program into a paid work experience, and upon completion of the program, students will be eligible to be hired by Broward County government.

Board Member Tara Williams stated her conflict, abstained from voting and will be required to submit a conflict-of-interest form. Form 8B was sent to Sandy McDonald to declare his conflict.

On a motion made by Zac Cassidy and seconded by Jim Ryan, the BWDB/CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the WIOA Work Experience Contract with Broward County for PY 23/24.

3. WIOA Work Experience Contract Approval for Broward Health

Considered approval of a WEX contract with Broward Health for PY 23/24. Healthcare is one of our targeted industries. WEX contracts are non-financial, as CSBD is the employer of record. Because Board member Shane Strum is employed by Broward Health, he will need to declare a conflict of interest and a 2/3 vote of the Board members present at a meeting with an established quorum is required. Approved at the 8/14 Executive Committee. *(This is in*

alignment with the Board goal to align Broward County community services (social services and education) to maximize employment and work opportunities for targeted populations veterans, youth, individuals with disabilities, and ex-offenders.)

Mr. Dobrikow asked Ms. Hylton to introduce the item and to present the recommendation.

Ms. Hylton provided an overview of the WEX program at Broward Health, pointing out that this initiative will target the Single Mothers grant program and our other participants to bring them into the healthcare industry where there are many opportunities for career advancement. Ms. Hylton thanked Mr. Strum for his support.

Mr. Strum stated his conflict and abstained from the discussion and vote. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Mayor Josh Levy and seconded by Paul Farren, the BWDB/CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the WIOA Work Experience Contract with Broward Health for PY 23/24.

4. Selection of Fiscal Year Audit Firm Anthony Brunson, P.A.

Considered approval of Anthony Brunson P.A. as our Audit Firm. Their proposal provides for WatsonRice to provide the engagement partner in accordance with state rules which allows for the continuation of the same firm beyond 5 years as long as the engagement partner is rotated. We sent the Request for Quotes to 10 firms, including the firms registered to be noticed when an RFQ is issued, altogether 15 firms. We received a quote from Anthony Brunson, P.A. our current Audit Firm, and one (1) no bid from Tri Merge CPA. A Review Committee Meeting was held on 8/7. After hearing from Mr. Brunson and representatives from WatsonRice, the Committee rated and ranked the proposal. The Review Committee then voted to recommend the selection of Anthony Brunson, P.A. at a cost of \$34,000, a \$1,000 increase over last year. The contract if approved will allow for 4 one-year renewals subject to governing board approval. Approved at the 8/14 Audit and Executive Committee meetings. (*This is in alignment with the Board goal to improve the sustainability of the workforce system through increased funding, efficiency, technology, and relevancy.*)

Mr. Dobrikow asked Mr. Cassidy to introduce and present the item.

Mr. Cassidy provided an in-depth overview of the item and recommendation to the members. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Zac Cassidy and seconded by Rufus James, the BWDB/CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the Selection of Anthony Brunson P.A. as our Audit Firm at a cost of \$34,000.

5. Renewal of Taylor Hall Miller Parker, P.A. Program Monitoring Contract for PY 23/24

Considered the renewal of the contract for program monitoring with Taylor Hall Miller Parker, P.A. for PY 23/24. The cost of the renewal is \$81,000 for 3 visits at \$27,000 per visit. This is the same cost as last year. CSBD is satisfied with the services. This will be the first of up to 4 one-year renewals. Approved at the 8/14 Audit and Executive Committee meetings. (*This is in alignment with the Board goal to improve the sustainability of the workforce system through increased funding, efficiency, technology, and relevancy.*)

Mr. Dobrikow asked Mr. Cassidy to introduce and present the item.

Mr. Cassidy reviewed the item and recommendation with the members. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Zac Cassidy and seconded by Rufus James, the BWDB/CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the renewal of the contract for program monitoring with Taylor Hall Miller Parker, P.A. for PY 23/24.

6. Renewal of Cherry Bekaert Fiscal Monitoring Contract for PY 23/24

Considered the renewal of the contract for fiscal monitoring with Cherry Bekaert, LLP for PY 23/24. The cost of the renewal is \$73,500 for 3 visits at \$24,500 per visit. This is an increase of \$1,500 over last year. CSBD is satisfied with the services. This will be the first of up to 4 one-year renewals. Approved at the 8/14 Audit and Executive Committee meetings. *(This is in alignment with the Board goal to improve the sustainability of the workforce system through increased funding, efficiency, technology, and relevancy.)*

Mr. Dobrikow asked Mr. Cassidy to introduce and present the item.

Mr. Cassidy reviewed the item and recommendation with the members. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Zac Cassidy and seconded by Dr. Lisa Knowles, the BWDB/CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the renewal of the contract for fiscal monitoring with Cherry Bekaert, LLP for PY 23/24.

7. Region 22 Targeted Occupations List (TOL) for Program Year 23/24

Considered the approval of changes to our local area's TOL for PY 23/24. As we always do, we researched the State's preliminary list and compared it to the Board-approved criteria. To get input and feedback on the State's proposed list and gather additional relevant labor market data, we sent the preliminary TOL to local education and business stakeholders, community partners, business leaders, and industry intermediaries and invited them to a publicly noticed meeting held on 7/11. We provided an overview of the PY 23/24 TOL and the governing board's criteria for updating the TOL. Based upon our review and community input, CSBD recommends 1) adding twenty-one (21) new occupations proposed by the State and 2) retaining thirty-four (34) occupations proposed by the State for removal. Approved at the 8/7 Employer Services and 8/14 Executive Committee meetings. *(This is in alignment with the Board goal to maintain our role as workforce development leaders through advocacy by the board, collaboration, and providing information and intelligence to stakeholders with feedback from the community).*

Mr. Dobrikow introduced the item and asked Mr. Moffett to provide an overview of the item and the recommendations.

Mr. Moffett explained we received the annual list from Florida Commerce, which we reviewed and compared to our current occupations on the in-demand list. We sent the preliminary TOL to local education and business stakeholders, community partners, business leaders, and industry intermediaries. He noted that this is one of the most

important things we do as conveners. Based on our analysis and community input, we are recommending adding 21 new occupations proposed by the State and retaining 34 of the 49 occupations proposed by the State for removal.

Mayor Levy recommended that as part of marketing efforts, a list of the 10 fastest-growing occupations be developed. Mr. Dobrikow suggested that a copy of the list be generated and provided to the career counselors in the high schools.

Mr. Ryan supported Mayor Levy's recommendation and expressed that it would be a good idea to add a thorough description of the jobs that are in the Information Technology sector when the list is compiled to generate interest in these occupations.

Ms. Hylton agreed and shared that CSBD and the school board are in the planning stages of a one-day event for 9th and 10th graders to dive into career exploration. We will bring the TOL and the list of the 10 fastest-growing occupations to the event. All of the logistics, such as the venue, transportation, and employers that will participate, are presently under review. Ms. Hylton explained that the purpose of the event is to provide youth an opportunity to learn more about the various industries, career paths, scholarships and employment services that we offer.

On a motion made by Paul Farren and seconded by Jim Ryan, the BWDB/CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the Region 22 Targeted Occupations List for PY 23/24.

8. Addition of New Training Provider Universal Technical Institute

Considered the approval of Universal Technical Institute as an Eligible Training Provider and add 1) Automotive & Diesel Technology II 2) Diesel Technology II 3) Automotive Technology II and 4) Welding Technology II to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Individual Training Account List. CSBD adds schools and courses that meet federal, state, and local criteria to give customers more choices. State law prohibits consideration of cost in adding schools to the list. Approved at the 8/1 One Stop Services and 8/14 Executive Committee meetings. *(This is in alignment with the Board goal to align Broward County community services (social services and education) to maximize employment and work opportunities for targeted populations (veterans, youth, individuals with disabilities, older workers and ex-offenders)).*

Mr. Dobrikow asked Mr. Shawbell to introduce and present the item.

Mr. Shawbell reviewed the item and recommendation with the members.

Mayor Levy stated his support for adding these programs to the ITA list, explaining that there is a shortage of automotive technicians in Broward County and nationwide.

On a motion made by Rufus James and seconded by Marjorie Walters, the BWDB/CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the addition of Universal Technical Institute as an Eligible Training Provider and adding 1) Automotive & Diesel Technology II 2) Diesel Technology II 3) Automotive Technology II and 4) Welding Technology II to the WIOA ITA list.

9. **Addition of New Courses for Existing Training Provider Hollywood Career Institute**

Considered the addition of three (3) courses from current Eligible Training Provider Hollywood Career Institute: 1) Massage Therapy 2) Hemodialysis Tech and 3) Medical Assistant with Basic X-Ray to the WIOA Individual Training Account List. These programs provide opportunities to train for careers in the healthcare industry and are in high demand. CSBD reviewed the applications for completeness and to ensure that Board-mandated criteria have been met for the training programs and related occupational titles. Approved at the 8/1 One Stop Services and 8/14 Executive Committee meetings. *(This is in alignment with the Board goal to align Broward County community services (social services and education) to maximize employment and work opportunities for targeted populations (veterans, youth, individuals with disabilities, older workers and ex-offenders)).*

Mr. Dobrikow asked Mr. Shawbell to introduce and present the item.

Mr. Shawbell reviewed the item and recommendation with the members. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Rufus James and seconded by Dr. Lisa Knowles, the BWDB/CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the addition of 3 courses from current Eligible Training Provider Hollywood Career Institute: 1) Massage Therapy 2) Hemodialysis Tech and 3) Medical Assistant with Basic X-Ray to the WIOA Individual Training Account List.

10. **Addition of QLM to Disaster Relief Staffing Vendor List**

Considered the addition of QLM staffing company to the vendor list we use during times of disaster to fill Temporary Jobs. QLM was part of a procurement initiated by the state to provide staffing company options for the local workforce areas. We did our own procurement to be able to award contracts to local companies however, at this time, only EmpHire and ISG (our one-stop staffing company) are still participating. QLM has received excellent reviews from the other local boards, and we would like to add them to our vendor list to expand our outreach to individuals seeking Temporary Jobs as a result of a disaster. The contract amount is dependent upon the burden for individual positions as approved by the state and attached as a schedule to the contract as well as the number of temporary placements. We anticipate this will be over \$50,000.

Mr. Dobrikow asked Ms. Daniels to introduce and present the item.

Ms. Daniels explained that in an effort to keep the funds local CSBD invited local staffing companies to submit an RFP but did not receive an adequate response. QLM who was responsive to a procurement initiated by the state, has received excellent reviews from the other local boards and operates on a national level.

Ms. Hylton informed the board that Sandy McDonald expressed interest in sharing the procurement with small businesses located in Broward County so they can have the opportunity to be added to the vendor list.

On a motion made by Mayor Josh Levy and seconded by Dr. Lisa Knowles, the BWDB/CSBD Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the addition of QLM to the Disaster Relief Staffing Vendor List.

REPORTS

1. CTS Engines (CTS) Incumbent Worker Training Grant Application

CTS Engines (CTS) applied for an Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) grant in the amount of \$114,939 to train 88 employees to earn job-related certifications. Pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requirements, CTS will contribute 50% to the cost of the training by paying employee wages while they are in training, as well as contributing to the tuition cost. CSBD funds a portion of the tuition and instructor costs. Employees will receive training in areas such as Pratt & Whitney Engine Repair and Maintenance, GE Aerospace Engine Repair and Maintenance, and Advanced Leadership Communication. In accordance with governing boards' policy, IWT grant applications of \$50,000 or more go to the Employer Services and the Executive Committees for consideration, with a report to the BWDB and CSBD Council of Elected Officials. Approved at the 8/7 Employer Services and 8/14 Executive Committee meetings.

Mr. Dobrikow asked Tony Ash, Vice President of Employer Services, to introduce and present the item.

Mr. Ash explained that this incumbent worker training grant will provide skills upgrade training in areas of aircraft power and engine systems. Mr. Ash informed the members the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Alliance provided the introduction of CTS Engines, to CSBD. Mr. Ash, on behalf of CSBD, expressed his appreciation to board member Bob Swindell for the introduction.

2. Update on the Single Mothers Grant

The Single Mothers grant is a two-year grant focused on assisting up to 100 single mothers with a child under 4 years old. As of July 2023, we have enrolled 62 women in the program. CSBD provides job search support, career training, and resource referrals. We have also added a financial assistance component by partnering with Locality Bank to provide bi-monthly financial workshops. CSBD is also finalizing Work Experience contracts with Broward Health at its 31 locations, flexible work schedules, benefits, and career paths are an excellent opportunity for our customers.

Mr. Dobrikow asked Ms. Hylton to review the item.

Ms. Hylton announced that CSBD is one of two boards that will be receiving almost one million dollars for a healthcare initiative discretionary grant. Ms. Hylton provided an overview of the program and the services we provide pursuant to the grant. She shared that the state has taken notice of the success of our program and has asked that one or more of the program participants attend the Department of Children and Families Dependency Summit in Orlando next month to share their testimonials.

Mr. Dobrikow thanked board members Keith Costello from Locality Bank for providing financial literacy and Shane Strum from Broward Health for providing the work experience component.

3. General Fund Balance

At the December 2022 Board meeting, we reported that the General Fund balance was \$901,711. From 11/1/22 through 6/30/23, we realized revenues of \$334,195 and incurred expenditures of \$215,625. The General Fund balance as of 06/30/23 is \$1,020,281 of this amount, \$497,870 is held in reserve, leaving a balance of \$522,411.

Mr. Dobrikow asked Mr. Cassidy to introduce and present the report.

Mr. Cassidy explained the General fund set-asides, revenues, and expenditures to the members. There was no further discussion.

4. Budget vs. Actual Expenditure Report

Each year, we budget to spend 100% of our grants. As the governing boards are aware WIOA funds are available for 2 years and also allow for a 20% allocation carry forward each year to avoid a cliff effect due to fluctuations in allocations as we experienced this year. The State extended the period for the expenditure of welfare transition program funds this year through August, and the funds are being invested in the summer program. The strategies we put in place last year are working.

Mr. Dobrikow asked Mr. Cassidy to introduce and present the item.

Mr. Cassidy reviewed the report with the members.

Dr. Licata inquired about the amount of formula funds CSBD is allowed to carry forward.

Ms. Hylton explained that WIOA allows us to carry forward 20% of the funds. While we budget to spend all our funds, carry forward assists us with staffing and enables us to provide services to the maximum number of customers in years where our allocation is reduced.

5. Cherry Bekaert LLP Fiscal Monitoring - Report #2 PY 22/23 Issued 5/2023

Cherry Bekaert conducted fiscal monitoring for the period 10/1/22 through 2/28/23. Cherry Bekaert reviewed a total of 921 elements during the review period. There were no findings or observations. Based upon the total elements reviewed, this was a 0% error rate.

Mr. Dobrikow asked Mr. Cassidy to introduce and present the item.

Mr. Cassidy reviewed the item with the members.

Led by Mr. Dobrikow, the members congratulated staff on a job well done. There was no further discussion.

6. Taylor Hall Miller Parker, PA Program Monitoring - Report #2 PY 22/23-22 Issued 2/2023

THMP conducted program monitoring for the period 11/18/22 through 2/21/23. They reviewed a total of 177 files consisting of 6,029 elements. There were 4 findings and 11 observations. This equates to an error rate of (.06%), or less than 1%. All findings and observations were corrected except where cases were closed, and no further action could be taken.

Mr. Dobrikow asked Mr. Cassidy to present the item.

Mr. Cassidy reviewed the item with the members.

Mr. Dobrikow again expressed his appreciation to the staff for the achievement of these monitoring results. There was no further discussion.

7. State Program & Fiscal PY 21/22

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) issued their Financial and Program Monitoring Report on 12/1/22 for the period 4/21 through 3/22. They reviewed a total of 166 program files consisting of 6,502 elements. There were 0 fiscal findings, observations, and technical assistance items. There were 9 program findings and 6 non-compliance issues. The program findings equate to an error rate of .14% less than 1%. All findings and non-compliance issues were corrected except where cases were closed, and no further action could be taken.

Mr. Dobrikow asked Mr. Cassidy to present the item.

Mr. Cassidy reviewed the item with the members.

Mr. Dobrikow noted the final report was actually just issued in June 2023 and again acknowledged the staff for all their hard work.

8. WIOA Youth Performance for Program Year 22/23

CSBD funds 4 Out-of-School (OSY) and 2 In-School Youth (ISY) programs. The youth receive case management, career pathway planning, occupational skills training, and job readiness preparation. This Youth Performance report provides an update on providers' performance as required under their agreements and in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. As reported previously, the providers implemented strategic recruitment, engagement, and placement plans and were successful. We congratulate our OSY and ISY providers on their successes during the program year.

Mr. Dobrikow asked Ms. Liberta to lead the presentation of the item.

Ms. Liberta provided an overview of the providers' performance and highlighted each of their successes. There was no further discussion.

Mr. Dobrikow expressed his appreciation and congratulated the OSY and ISY providers on their achievements during the past program year.

9. 2023 Tech Talent Fest Event

CSBD is participating in the South Florida Tech Hub “2023 Tech Talent Fest” on 8/30 at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. South Florida Tech Hub is the local association representing employers and professionals across a wide range of industry verticals. The Tech Talent Fest is an industry job fair focusing on recruitment among occupations in artificial intelligence, cloud computing, cybersecurity, and more. Over 150 job seekers and industry professionals are expected to attend. CSBD’s technology industry intermediary will present our services, including how employers can unlock our funding for work-based training and scholarship opportunities for individuals seeking industry certifications. We will also have a booth to exhibit our services.

Mr. Dobrikow asked Ms. Hylton to present the item.

Ms. Hylton reviewed the item with the members and informed the committee that CSBD would be taking a regional approach and would be partnering with CareerSource Palm Beach to do a joint presentation at the event.

10. Renewal of Janitorial Services Contract

This is to report on the renewal of the janitorial services contract with AK Building Services for the main office. The agreement provides for 2 one-year renewals. This is the second and last renewal. The cost for the services for the renewal period is \$49,816/year, an increase of \$1,864 due to increases in the minimum wage. This is being reported in accordance with our board policy to report single purchases over \$10,000.

Mr. Dobrikow asked Ms. Hylton to present the item.

Ms. Hylton reported the item. There was no further discussion.

11. Economic and Workforce Indicators in Broward County

Currently, there are 42,424 jobs available in Broward and 33,544 unemployed individuals seeking a job. Should every jobseeker become employed, we still have a deficit in the labor force. The good news is that year over year shows that the number of individuals employed in Broward increased by 2.9 percent. The top advertised occupation in July of 2023 was Registered Nurse, with over 1,636 ads. CSBD has added a new tile to provide information regarding trade data for Port Everglades. The supporting chart for this tile shows month-over-month import and export data displayed as financial totals. Port Everglades is one of the busiest ports in the world and supports the region with receiving and shipping a vast array of goods. This data provides the value of imports and exports that flow through the port and can be used as a leading indicator of economic activity for the region.

Mr. Dobrikow reviewed the CSBD Dashboard with the members. He brought to everyone’s attention the addition of a new tile for Port Everglades import/export, which shows the data of what the port is producing in terms of revenue.

Felipe Pinzon inquired about the high school graduation rate data. He asked if the high school graduation rate on the dashboard is representative of public, charter, and private schools.

Dr. Licata explained that the data shown on the dashboard is related to charter and public schools only.

Mr. Pinzon also asked if graduation is a factor in the unemployment rate for those who do not graduate. Ms. Hylton stated yes and explained that the unemployment rate is not evenly spread across all populations and that the data shows unemployment among those without a high school diploma is greater than those who graduated.

Commissioner Ryan asked if the data captured related to the lower high school graduation rate was a long-term trend. Dr. Licata explained that presently, the graduation rate is changing each year due in part to changes in the standardized testing formula and courses required for graduation.

Ms. Hylton added that in the contract between CSBD and the school board, we fund a Master Recruiter position. The thought was to create a position with the ability to access the school board's data on seniors who did not graduate for the purpose of recruiting them into the school board's GED program.

12. Broward County Unemployment

The unemployment rate in Broward County was 3.0 percent in July 2023. This rate was 0.1 percentage points greater than the region's year-ago rate. In July 2023, Broward County's unemployment rate was 0.8 percentage points lower than the national rate (3.8 percent). The labor force was 1,102,534 up 33,344 (+3.1 percent) over the year. There were 33,544 unemployed Broward County residents.

Ms. Hylton reviewed the item. There was no further discussion.

13. Lan Infotech Ranked in Channel Futures 2023 MSP 501 List

Board member Michael Goldstein's company Lan Infotech was recently ranked on Channel Futures 2023 Managed Service Providers (MSP) 501, the tech industry's most prestigious list of managed service providers worldwide.

Ms. Hylton, joined by the Board, congratulated Michael Goldstein on this recognition for his company.

MATTERS FROM THE CAREERSOURCE BROWARD COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Ryan announced to the board that September is Workforce Development Month, and he will be presenting a proclamation at the September 7th County Commission meeting honoring the work done by the professionals at CSBD.

Commissioner Ryan asked what was the effect on enrollment in the public schools now that the legislature passed legislation that provides additional funding to private schools.

Dr. Licata explained that enrollment fluctuates based on a number of factors, including student safety, and the student voucher system, which is now open to all parents. In addition, there has been an increase in private school enrollment based on the decrease in performance by the public schools.

MATTERS FROM THE BROWARD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD CHAIR

None

MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

None

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Ms. Hylton thanked the board for their involvement with the Summer Youth program and reported we had over 1,000 youth enrolled in the program, and over 90% of the allocation was spent on wages. Ms. Hylton gave Broward Health a special thank you for assisting with taking care of the costs associated with drug screening of their applicants and having an enrollment of over 20 youth in the health care occupational track.

Ms. Hylton announced that CSBD is partnering with the Broward County Council of Chambers for the 1st annual State of Workforce Breakfast which is tentatively planned for October at the Broward County Convention Center.

Lastly, Ms. Hylton reminded everyone that, as approved by the board, all CSBD centers and the administrative office are scheduled to be closed to the public on September 13th for in-service staff training.

ADJOURNMENT - 1:35 p.m.

<p><i>THE DATE OF THE NEXT BROWARD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD/CAREERSOURCE BROWARD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2023.</i></p>
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