

10.14.21 Employment/Workforce Minutes

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. City Hall or ZOOM

Welcome – Marcus McBride and Jesse Wolfe

Co-Chairs Marcus McBride, CEO Career Source Escarosa and Jesse Wolfe, Adult Ed. Program Coordinator, George Stone Vocational School

Attendance: Marcus McBride, Jesse Wolfe, Connie Bookman, Blair Castro, Sheree Triplett-Roberts, Avalon “Mal” Mallory, Todd Thompson, Brian Wyer, Cate Jordan, Paul Miller, Lori Milkeris, Kathleen Bellard, Lawrence Powell, Chris (IT), Russo, R.

- Connie gives a recap on work of the other sub-committees from the past five months.
- Update on holistic center and one-stop shop for services on Maxwell & Palafox, potentially could help us give those who want a shelter one by Thanksgiving.
- Mayor asked the Task Force to look at factors such as mentorship, transportation, moving away from a culture of enablement to empowerment to give the city recommendations on \$3million or ARPA funds.
- George Stone is offering GED classes at CareerSource three days a week currently.
- Cait Jordan is interested in having 90 Works submit an ARPA proposal. They are accepting ARPA proposals until October 27th.

Updates & Action Items

- **Paul Miller** – Manufacturing Council is looking at who is trained in the skills our area needs. HBI (Home Builders) certification program currently at Pensacola High School is immediately usable, since our area is short on

construction workers and this helps students get experience needed in manufacturing. It contains OSHA requirements and project management skills, so employers value this. Food Security is very important for these workers, need to connect with FBO committee and larger organizations.

- o Current state, future state, ideal state- want to see what you are doing to solve the problem in each state of the issue for manufacturer.
- o Consider adding someone from Action Labor to the subcommittee
- o Discussion on what two core indicators or possibly contributing indicators to track on the data dashboard, review of the website.
- o Literacy classes, UWF Veterans Tech & Cyber Security certifications, Bus Passes, retrofitting of existing buildings for housing, barriers for those who want training but have no housing- many of these issues would be solves by the one-stop shop
- o Best Practices, look at assessments between organizations and possibly look at system-wide matrix involving employment to determine what's a best practice
- o Circle back with member's different group on how to connect with Faith-Based orgs with food security to benefit other committees, very intentional on next steps on Nov. 11