



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**Priority Populations Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**SC Works Clemson Comprehensive Center at East Park/Zoom**  
**Tuesday, May 3, 2022**  
**3:00 – 4:00 pm**

Members Present

Lisa Gillespie                      Pat Pruitt                      Cynthia Sprinkle

Members Absent

Danny Brothers                      Margaret Camp                      Billy Gibson

Staff Present

Windy Graham                      Meredith Durham

Guests Present

Billy Hunter                      Erin Haire

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Windy Graham welcomed everyone, and committee members gave introductions.

II. **Approval of the March 1, 2022, Minutes**

**ACTION TAKEN: Pat Pruitt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Cynthia Sprinkle. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

III. **Committee Education – Disability Rights South Carolina**

Ms. Erin Haire from Disability Rights South Carolina presented information on the various offerings that are offered. Disability Rights South Carolina is a non-profit organization that serves as the protection and advocacy system and client assistance program for the state. All their services are free for people with disabilities who may need assistance. Its mission is to protect and advance the legal, civil, and human rights of people with disabilities in South Carolina. The Client Assistance Program helps individuals to understand their rights to services and employment. Other programs offered include Representative Payee, Community Residential Care Facility Inspections, and Education and Outreach.

Mr. Billy Hunter provided an SC Works Centers update. All centers continue to operate from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. CDC's recommendations will continue to be implemented across WorkLink centers. Mr. Hunter stated that the Anderson SC Works Center will be moving to a new location at 1428 Pearman Dairy Road on July 1, 2022.

Ms. Windy Graham, staff to the WorkLink Board, referenced reports in the packet.

The Community Profile was available in the packet, beginning on page 4. Ms. Graham stated that the Community Profile shows economic, demographic, industry, occupation, and education data for the Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens areas. The report can be revised to show individual counties and is updated every 6 weeks.

The targeted population WIOA data is found on pages 34-37. Aggregate information is given for July 2021 to April 2022. Ms. Graham reviewed the demographics and disability data.

WorkLink's unemployment rate is 3.1%, and the population of those with disabilities is higher nationwide at 8.8%. The percentage of our labor force with a disability is 23.1% (data from US Department of Labor).

IV. **Other Business**

Chair Gillespie shared that the next committee meeting will be on August 2, 2022.

V. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Meredith Durham*