

GWLA Workforce Development Committee Meeting
 Friday July 27, 2007
 3:30 PM
 Hampton Inn, Bay Street
 Savannah, GA

Area	WIB Chair/Designee	WIB Director/Designee	City/Location
11	Dan Stone		Middle Georgia
1		Gwen Dellinger	Northwest Georgia
5		Roberta Morris	Dekalb County
6	Carlton Burroughs	Burrell Billingslea	Fulton County
7		Mary Margaret Garrett	Atlanta Regional
12	Pauline Jenkins	Jackie Dunn	Richmond/Burke
13		Butch Barton	East Central Georgia
15	Lillian Flynt	Janice West	Middle Flint
20	Vickie Cook	Cindy Landolt	Coastal

The meeting was held in the Pulaski Room and chaired by Dan Stone. The following items were presented:

Georgia Workforce Ready Initiative

Debra Lyons, from the Governor's Office of Workforce Development, conducted a presentation regarding program current status and updates related to new activities. The following items were presented:

- _ Governor Perdue announced today that 24 counties selected as demo counties to each receive \$35,000 grants to assist in accelerating the process of earning Certified Work Ready status.
 - 73 counties have sent in letters of intent to achieve Certified Work Ready Communities.
 - The new website that will provide the current number of assessments by county will be online in the next few months.
 - The 73 counties currently in the program have been grouped into 10 working regions.
 - There will be a competition for grant monies by the regions to be used within the Certified Work Ready program. Selection for the grants will be largely based on the number profiles and assessments conducted by the regions.
 - Governor's Office of Workforce Development will be conducting two workshops, Warner Robins August 14 and Atlanta August 16, to further explain the Work Ready Program.

State Workforce Board Strategic Plan

Gwen Dellinger led a discussion related to how the local WIA Board activities might fit into the state strategic plan and goals. The discussion centered around trying to choose several items, maybe 1 to 3, that all WIA Boards across the state could work on collectively to achieve one or more of the State Workforce Board goals. The committee concluded that this was a good ideal and the Directors need to develop a possible list of items for future consideration.

Update on Citizen Discussion Forms Final Report.

Dan Stone passed out several pages that contained the Final Report's Conclusions. Due to a lack of time, the committee was not able to have any discussion on the report.