



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

WorkNet Pinellas, Inc., d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas, 2016 - 2020 Local Workforce Services Plan Modification.

Recommended Action:

As requested by Worknet Pinellas Inc., d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas, approve the modification to WorkNet Pinellas Inc, d/b/a/ CareerSource Pinellas, 2016 - 2020 Local Workforce Services Plan as required by the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 and the State of Florida.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

Summary:

On August 19, 2016, the United States Department of Labor and the United States Department of Education (USDOE) published final Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) rules. The rules provided additional guidance and clarification for several topics required for inclusion in local plans.

A memo dated November 4, 2016, from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) requested all Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) prepare an addendum to their local plan. As required by the DEO, the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) prepared an Addendum that addressed the following items:

1. A description of the appropriate firewall established to guard against conflict of interest.
2. A description of the cooperative agreement between the Local Board and local entity administering vocational rehabilitation activities under Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
3. A summary of the roles and resource contributions of the required local WIOA partners included in the one-stop system.
4. A description of how participating one-stop partners are using the principles of universal design in their operations.
5. A summary of the steps taken to ensure a competitive process for the selection of the one-stop operator.

This Addendum modifies the Local Workforce Services Plan (Local Plan).

Background Information:

On September 9, 2005 the Board approved a motion to delegate WorkNet Pinellas d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas (CSPIN) with the responsibility of being the administrative entity and fiscal agent for the Federal Workforce Investment Act /Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act funds in Pinellas County.

Requirements for the 2016-2020 Local Workforce Services Plan, as outlined by the United States Department of Labor, require each state to have approved State Plans in place for program years 2016-2020. CareerSource Florida, Inc. and the DEO are responsible for the development of the State Plan and the process includes requiring each Local Workforce Development Board to update their Local Plan to be in alignment with the State Plan.

As required by the DEO, the 2016-2020 Local Plan replaces the CSPIN Regional Workforce Board Strategic and Operating Plan for 2012-2016 that was previously approved by the Board, CareerSource Florida, Inc. and the CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors. The 2016-2020 Local Plan was developed in accordance with Local Plan instructions provided by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (listed above in the summary section).

On February 1, 2016, CSPIN submitted the Local Plan to run for a 30 day period on the CSPIN website and a Public Notice was posted in the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper to allow for public comment and input.

The 2016-2020 Local Workforce Services Plan along with MOUs were approved by the CSPIN Board of Directors on February 10, 2016. The 2016-2020 Local Plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on February 23, 2016. The State accepted the Plan and it went into effect on July 1, 2016.

The Addendum to the Local Workforce Services Plan was approved by the CSPIN Board of Directors on December 14, 2016.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no financial impact to the County.

Staff Member Responsible:

Ed Peachey, President and CEO, CareerSource Pinellas

Partners:

CareerSource Pinellas

Attachments:

CareerSource Pinellas 2016 - 2020 Local Workforce Services Plan Modification