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NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Recommendation for WIOA Adult Service Priority for individualized Career & Training Services - Revision

Background:

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) issued new guidance on January 22, 2021 to clarify information on applying priority of service for eligible veterans. The priority of service order for veterans and foster youth has not changed; however, the new language in WD Letter 01-21 has been incorporated to align with current guidance.

Information:

Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas (WSNCT) affords priority of services to veterans, qualified spouses, and foster youth. Priority of service applies to all workforce service programs funded in whole or in part by the US Department of labor Employment and Training Administration or state funds.

Priority for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Individualized Career and Training Services must be given on a priority basis, regardless of funding levels, in the following order, to:

1. Eligible veterans and eligible spouses, who are also recipients of public assistance, low income, or basic skills deficient.
2. Non-covered persons (individuals who are not veterans or eligible spouses) who are also recipients of public assistance, low income or basic skills deficient as follows:
    a. Foster youth and former foster youth, as defined in WD Letter 43-11, Change 2, as required by Texas Family Code §264.121.
    b. Non-foster youth
3. All other eligible veterans and eligible spouses.
4. Priority populations established by the governor as follows:
    a. All other foster youth and former foster youth, as required by Texas Labor Code §264.121.
5. Non-covered individuals outside of the groups given priority under WIOA.

Recommendation:
The Workforce Development Committee recommends that the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board approve the WIOA Adult-Service Priority for Individualized Career & Training Services Policy.

Approval Date: May 25, 2021

Attachment: Proposed Board Policy on WIOA Adult-Service Priority for Individualized Career & Training Services