

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2020**

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	7/9/19	10/8/19	11/12/19	1/14/20	3/10/20	5/12/20
Randy Vernon, Chair	X	X	Cancelled	Cancelled	X	X
Terri Simons	X	X			X	
Chris Cohee	X	X			X	X
Steve Snyder	X	X			X	X
Miranda Hutcheson						X
Kara Webb	X	X			X	X
Amanda Galloway		X				
Lisa Minier		X				X

Also in attendance: Deb Waymire, Chief Operations Officer; Mellisa Leaming, Director of Operations; and Tina Overley-Hilt, Executive Assistant.

The May 12, 2020 Youth Committee meeting was held via GoToMeeting conference call as a result of health concerns related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Governor’s Executive Order.

Call to Order:

Attendees were welcomed and the meeting called to order by Chair, Randy Vernon at **9:05 AM**. A quorum of the membership was present to conduct business of the committee.

Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2020

Meeting minutes from March 10, 2020 were approved as presented.

Motion to approve: Steve Snyder

Second: Lisa Minier

Approved: unanimously

New Business:

WHIN Grant Funding-Year Two

WHIN funding for year one ended on May 1, 2020. We received notification for year two funding. It is unsure if services will be able to be delivered because of the restrictions on group size gatherings due to Covid-19. Receiving year two funding was not a given and there were many challenges and documents to submit to obtain the approval. Thanks to Kara Webb and her team for their work on obtaining year two funding.

Serving Youth during Pandemic

WorkOne staff are working remotely; working to serve youth and looking for opportunities for youth. Staff are connecting with youth by texting and virtual meetings. Youth participating in a work experiences during this time continued to be paid if they were laid off due to Covid-19. Hopefully students placed in a work experience will be able to return when safe for them to return. There are challenges working with employers to set up work experiences for youth. Job opportunities including the GM opportunity to build ventilator have been sent out to JAG seniors and Out-of-School youth. Pictures of JAG youth in essential jobs were shared with committee members.

Staff are creating virtual workshops to help develop soft skills and work ethic skills. There are challenges to overcome to provide services to new participants such as creating a virtual application and obtaining required documentation.

JAG State CDC Winners from Region 4

JAG held a State Virtual Career Development Conference. The winners from Region 4 were:

- Creative Solutions – 3rd Place Winner – Ellyn Switzer, McCutcheon High School
- Financial Literacy – 3rd Place Winner – Dewitt Pollard, North Montgomery High School
- Outstanding Senior – 2nd Place Winner – Alyssa River, Twin Lakes High School

JAG students had to prepare for the completion all on their own since JAG classes were not meeting. Lots of challenges to overcome. Congratulations to the winners.

Youth Apprenticeship Grant

The Department of Labor released a grant opportunity for youth apprenticeships. The Department of Workforce Development offered to apply on behalf of all the workforce development regions and submit a state-wide application. It is a great opportunity to help youth up to age 24 years old get into pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. It is required that the applicant partner with a workforce development board. Ivy Tech has asked Region 4 Workforce Board to partner with them on their submission. Applications were due early May 2020.

IN-MaC Design Innovation Studio – RTV 6 Hiring Hoosiers Feature

Video segments from RTV 6 Hiring Hoosier about IN-MaC Design Innovation Studio which are supported with the WHIN grant were shared with the committee. Links will be sent following the meeting. Youth Committee will plan to schedule a meeting at a design studio when possible.

The Building Trades Camps schedule for this summer have been cancelled because of Covid-19 and the slow “back on track” plan established by Governor Holcomb.

As of today, programming will be delivered at the seven camp sites for Robotic and Manufacturing camp. The plan to move forward is contingent on the following:

- The location is open and willing to host the camp.
- The guidelines set forth by the CDC, Indiana and participating counties can be followed.
- PPE can be accessed at a reasonable cost to keep everyone safe.

The first camps are schedule to the third and fourth week in June. All other camps have been moved to July. School is scheduled to start second week of August. Multiple camps may be able to be held on multiple weeks.

Kara asked for topic ideas for workforce webinars.

Old Business

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Lisa Minier

Second: Steve Snyder

Approved: unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Overley-Hilt

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Location – Lafayette – Region 4 Workforce Board office, 976 Mezzanine Drive, Lafayette Indiana **OR** virtually via GoToMeeting