

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2021**

Members	PY 21					
	7/13/2021	9/14/2021	11/9/2021	1/11/2022	3/8/2022	5/10/2022
Steve Snyder, Chair	X	Cancelled	X			
Terri Simons	X		X			
Randy Vernon	X		X			
Miranda Hutcheson			X			
Kara Webb	X		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 November 9, 2021 Youth Committee meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting conference call.

Call to Order:

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

New Business:

Robotics and Manufacturing Camp Update-WHIN Grant

Kara Webb provided an update on Robotics and Manufacturing Camps since the last meeting in July. The Robotics and Manufacturing camps served 397 students during eight weeks of camp. A week of camp was added which served students from Warren and Fountain County. There were three weeks in White County and four weeks in Tippecanoe County.

Greater Lafayette Commerce Partnership with Skypeck

In 2020 Manufacturing Week activities changed to on-line rather than in-person due to Covid. Several platforms were needed for the activities to occur. For 2021, Greater Lafayette Commerce partnered with Skypeck, an educational platform, and moved the elements of Manufacturing Week to one single platform. Each phase-design it, produce it, move it, support it - is organized for easy access for teachers. Kara walked thru the platform for the Committee members. There are currently 353 students registered to participate. The platform is divided into four grade levels. There is a discussion for a three-year plan to add additional phases to the platform for the future. The way Manufacturing Week and Manufacturing Month are constructed, will make it easy to replicate in any career field. The title may be changed to *Manufacturing in the Classroom* since students have access to the curriculum all school year. The product is available for any community to purchase.

Over 11,000 students have been touched by different programs under the WHIN Grant with information about manufacturing.

Manufacturing Week

Manufacturing Week was held at the Tippecanoe County Fairground. There were 607 Kindergarten through 5th graders and 744 6th-8th graders attended. New employers were engaged this year. Students were separated by grade level. K-5th grade participated in 4 workstations-Design It, Build It, Move It and Support It. Ivy Tech shared about chain station, Wabash National talked about moving product and Caterpillar talked about production and Subaru demonstrated assembly with Legos. Grades 6th-8th moved

through the Design It, Build It, Move It and Support It with one employer. Employers were very creative with presentations.

Greater Lafayette Career Academy held an eighth grade career fair and career exploration opportunities in October. It was a tour of the facility with hands-on opportunities. All eighth grade students in Tippecanoe County had the opportunity to go and over 2000 eighth graders participated in two days.

PY 20 WIOA Youth Performance

The PY 20 final performance measures for the period 7/1/2020-6/30/2021 were shared with the committee. Region 4 exceeded all performance measures. Youth are age 16-24 year old. Employment after 2nd quarter exit and Employment after 4th quarter exit shows younger youth employed or attending post-secondary and older youth employed.

Employment after 2 nd quarter exit	Actual: 82.4	Goal: 77.1
Employment after 4 th quarter exit	Actual: 81.3	Goal: 76.2
Credential Attainment	Actual: 73.1	Goal: 63.5
Median Earnings	Actual: \$3,444	Goal: \$3,352
Measurable Skill Gain	Actual: 74.1	Goal: 45.5

Region 4 served 276 participants which is 9% of the total participants served and received 6% of the allocations. It was not an easy year for performance so kudos to our service provider, JobWorks, Inc. for all the hard work.

WIOA Performance Support Grant-Youth Career Connect

On occasion Region 4 has the opportunity to access funding besides the direct WIOA funds. With the WIOA Performance Support Grant funds, WIOA eligibility criteria is not required. We received \$100,000 to help 480 high school students who are dual enrolled at Ivy Tech Kokomo receive a variety of certifications, pay for the cost of the exams for the certifications, provide work based learning experiences and paid internships. The funding will fill the gap which will allow students to complete the entire program.

Old Business

Steve Snyder will be presenting to the Association of Career and Technical Educators, December 1-5, 2021 in New Orleans on behalf of the Tippecanoe Building Trades and the summer Building Trades Program. Over 5000 educators will be attending the event.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Steve Snyder
Second: Randy Vernon
Approved: unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 10:05am

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Overley-Hilt

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 11, 2022
Location – Lafayette – Region 4 Workforce Board office, 976 Mezzanine Drive, Lafayette Indiana,