

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022**

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	Cancelled	X	
Terri Simons	X		X		X	
Randy Vernon	X		X		-	
Miranda Hutcheson			X		-	
Kara Webb	X		X		X	
Lisa Minier	X		X	X		

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

The 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 9:00 AM. A quorum of the membership was present to conduct business of the committee.

New Business:

Youth Career Connection Grant Project

Region 4 received a grant in a partnership with Ivy Tech Kokomo to support youth. The \$100,000 Youth Career Connection Grant will help about 400 students with dual credit classes. Funds will support dual credit class 'funding gaps', work-based learning supplies, and clinical exams and certifications fees.

Governor's Workforce Cabinet and Connexus will launch a grant program to support high school's adoption of Industry 4.0 Technology to prepare students for the future workforce. This is a \$500,000 grant to help students prepare for careers with high tech advanced manufacturing industry.

Jobs for America's Graduates Career Development Conference (JAG CDC)

The Regional JAG Career Development Conference was held virtually. Presentations in 10 categories were given by students. All JAG schools participated. First place winners received \$100, second place received \$50, and third place received \$25. The results of the regional competition were shared, and the 2022 Region 4 CDC Awards Presentation was sent to Committee members prior to the meeting. First place winners will advance and participate in the State CDC in person on March 18, 2022. It was a challenging year because of Covid, snow days, e-learning and the revolving JAG Specialist staff. Hats off to the JAG specialist and students for their efforts during a virtual CDC. Everyone is hopeful the CDC can be held in person next year.

WHIN Grant Recap of Outcomes

The Wabash Heartland Innovation Grant (WHIN) grant target end date is April 30, 2022, following a one-year no-cost extension. Kara Webb provided a recap of the grant. Overall, the outcomes were good considering the challenges faced during the Covid pandemic.

- Robotic Camps served over 400 students. This year Robotics Camp will expand to add Carroll County. The Robotics Camps will be held in White County for three weeks, in Carroll County and Warren County for one week and in Tippecanoe County for four weeks.
- Coder DoJos were more challenging finding space to host and engaging students.

- Manufacturing Week attendance this past year was 1500 K-8th grade students but were unable to serve high school students due to the pandemic. High school students will be served again when manufacturing facilities open to outside groups.

All metrics were met, and a final report will be shared at the May 10, 2022 meeting.

Deb Waymire gave a summary of the grant and additional information. The WHIN grant was a \$730,000 grant received in May 2019 and with a one year no-cost extension, will end April 2022. The purpose of the grant was to introduce manufacturing to the next generation, encourage youth to consider a career in manufacturing, and look at youth perceptions of advanced manufacturing occupations before and after participating in grant activities. Partners in the grant included Region 4, Greater Lafayette Commerce, INMac and Purdue University. Purdue University was critical to the research and evaluation of the pre and post impact of the programs on youth. The list of research articles and media coverage will be sent to Committee members for their review.

Greater Lafayette Commerce Dept of Education Grant

Greater Lafayette Commerce (GLC) received a \$4.9 million grant from the Department of Education to build on Manufacturing Month with Skypak's virtual platform to get students in 7th to 12th grade earn micro-credentials to stack into certifications, associate degrees, and bachelor's degrees. Partners in the grant are GLC, Skypak, and Ivy Tech. The grant will serve eight schools with 65-125 students per school. Learning modules of the 18 employability standards established by the State will be developed giving students as they complete the modules a virtual portfolio of experiences and credentials. There are multiple components for schools to address student learner recovery from the pandemic including:

- Hiring tutors to help students who are falling behind in basic Math and/or English skills.
- Hiring Check and Connect Coaches to help students with emotional and social concerns.
- Hire mentors in manufacturing and logistics
- Allow Ivy Tech to hire Career Coach for high school help students identify career pathways in successfully.
- Help students see there are two pathways – graduation to post-secondary and graduation to career/training.

There was a story featured on Inside Indiana and the link will be sent to the Committee.

USDOL Registered Apprenticeship Grant

Deb Waymire shared with Steve Snyder a USDOL Register Apprenticeship grant opportunity. Steve will follow up on the opportunity.

Old Business

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Lisa Minier

Second:

Approved: unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Overley-Hilt

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Location – Lafayette – Region 4 Workforce Board office, 976 Mezzanine Drive, Lafayette Indiana,