

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2023**

Members	PY 22						
	7/12/2022	9/13/2022	11/8/2022	1/10/2023	3/14/2023	5/9/2023	
Steve Snyder, Chair	Held on 6/21/22		Cancelled	X	X		
Terri Simons		X		X			
Randy Vernon		X		X			
Miranda Hutcheson		X		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 Youth Committee meeting was held in person at the Region 4 Workforce Board office and virtually via GoToMeeting conference call.

Call to Order:

Attendees were welcomed and the meeting called to order by Chair, Steve Snyder at 9:00AM. A quorum of the membership was not present to conduct business of the committee.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from January 10, 2023, were approved as presented.

Motion to approve: Randy Vernon

Second: Kara Webb

Approved: unanimously

New Business:

WIOA Youth Performance Measures

Mellisa Leaming presented the PY 22 WIOA Youth Performance Measures for the period ending December 31, 2022. Region 4 met or exceeded all performance measures. Each region negotiated their own goals for each measure except for Measurable Skill Gain with DWD. We expect to exceed Measurable Skill gain once credentials for youth are reported. Region 4 serves 9% of the youth in the state using 5% of our allocations.

Employment after 2 nd quarter exit	Actual: 72.5	Goal: 78.6
Employment after 4 th quarter exit	Actual: 87.3	Goal: 79.2
Credential Attainment	Actual: 69.4	Goal: 73.9
Median Earnings	Actual: \$5,274	Goal: \$3,681
Measurable Skill Gain	Actual: 56.6	Goal: 65.0

Kara Webb congratulated the team on a great job serving youth with the allotted funding.

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

The JAG CDC Conference was held for the first time in person since the pandemic on February 8, 2023, and included the competition, job fair and tour of Ivy Tech. First place individuals will advance to the State CDC on Friday, March 17, 2023. Roger Feldhaus and Blake Sempsrott had the difficult challenge to judge the

Outstanding Senior competition and felt any one of the four individuals could have been first place. Mellisa Leaming judged the Career Presentations and Lisa Minier judged Critical Thinking. Everyone felt the students did a great job. The JAG team will discuss how to get more JAG students involved in the competition.

Pre-Apprenticeship

DWD was awarded the four-year Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) grant. Region 4 will be one of the regions receiving funding from the grant but does not yet have the contract. The grant will support USDO Registered Apprenticeship programs and pre-apprenticeship programs. Gerry Vasquez was hired as the Apprenticeship Coordinator and is reaching out to companies for pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeships. He will also connect with CTE programs and related employers for potential pre-apprenticeships. Kara Webb suggested contacting Mary Ellis with the Builder Association of Greater Lafayette (BAGL).

Youth Grant Opportunity Discussion

Lilly Endowment announced an initiative to strengthen youth-serving programs for youth ages 5-18 years old. It is a \$60,000 to \$1 million initiative opportunity. Applications are due May 1, 2023. The priorities of the initiative are:

- Enhancing the welfare and safety of youth.
- Identifying and addressing the social and emotional needs of youth.
- Delivering educational experiences for youth that supplement classroom learning.
- Developing character traits and leadership skills in youth.
- Providing safe and enriching out-of-school time learning environments for youth.

The Committee brainstormed on ideas of youth program that can benefit from this initiative.

- JAG students – support students during the summer months; introduce virtual reality career pathway programs and Introduce High School Jr/Sr to the WorkOne Centers
- Mobile unit to go to students with special programs for afterschool and summer
- Work with at-risk middle school students prior to JAG
- Other youth organizations
 - Juvenile corrections organizations
 - Churches with after school tutor programs
 - Immanuel United Church of Christ – tutor program
 - Cary Home
 - Hartford House

Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce plans to submit a proposal for support of the Career+ program.

Old Business

Greater Lafayette Commerce – Indiana Dept of Education Grant update

Kara Webb shared an update on the GLC IDOE 3E grant Explore, Engage, Experience, plus Employ and Enroll. It is an \$8.5 million grant. This grant cover nine counties, 17 school districts and 41,000 K-12 grade students. Students are involved in Microcredits, Industry tours, Career+ Chats and Employability Skills. Information for the Career+ Chats and the HireMe! Interviewing Fair for employers will be sent to the Committee. The grant has evolved since the original inception. The schools are appreciative of the opportunity.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Randy Vernon

Second: Steve Snyder

Action: Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Overley-Hilt

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Location – Lafayette – Region 4 Workforce Board office