

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024**

Members	PY 23					
	7/11/2023	9/12/2023	11/14/2023	1/9/2024	3/12/2024	5/7/2027
Steve Snyder, Chair	X	X	Cancelled	X		
Miranda Hutcheson	X	X				
Lisa Minier	X					
Terri Simons	X	X		X		
Randy Vernon	X	X				
Kara Webb	X	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 at 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 present to conduct business of the committee.

New Business:

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Expansion

Region 4 has secured agreements with the following schools for JAG expansion.

- Benton Central High School for a program for grade 9 through 12. Bente Central is seeking a specialist with Spanish speaking ability.
- Harrison High School for a program for grade 9-10 and a program for grade 11-12. The JAG Specialist Sub is being considered as the Specialist at Harrison.
- We are in discussion with Maconaquah H.S. and Northwestern H.S. for a program for grade 11-12 and Covington H.S. for grades 9-12.
- Ethan Groff, JAG Manager, is in discussion with our current JAG schools-Lafayette Jefferson H.S., Logansport H.S., McCutheon H.S. and Kokomo H.S. about expanding the program for grade 9-10.

WIOA Youth Performance

The WIOA Youth Performance for the rolling four quarter period ending September 30, 2023, was presented to the Committee. Region 4 met or exceeded all performance measures. It is a challenge to meet the Credential Attainment measure. JAG students are hired by employers during their junior year and are not returning to school for their senior year. The WIOA credential attainment measure is affected because JAG students are co-enrolled in JAG and WIOA. Discussion was had on ways to incentivize students to return to school and earn their high school diploma. Kara Webb would like to have a discussion on how Career + may be able to help.

Action item: Send the Committee members the latest negotiated WIOA Performance measures.

JAG Career Development Conference (CDC)-February 8, 2024

The JAG CDC will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 9:30am-1:00pm at Ivy Tech in Lafayette. The rescheduled date is February 15th. A request for volunteers was made to serve as

event judges. Kara Webb and Steve Snyder volunteered. Employers will to be set up during the CDC event.

Greater Lafayette Commerce will be holding a hiring event on February 28, 2024, at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds.

Updates from Committee Members

- Deb Waymire, Chief Operations Officer
 - New TAP CEO, waiting for Board approval on January 24, 2024, before announcing.
 - Apprenticeship Coordinator is making several connections for pre-apprenticeships with employers in Region 4. Gerry Vasquez is also working to establish apprenticeship programs. We would like to work with CTE Directors to establish more pre-apprenticeships rather than work-based learning opportunities.
 - Connecting with Out of School Youth (OSY) and the Department of Corrections with work experience programs. Deb shared a success story.
- Terri Simons, JobWorks, Regional System Coordinator
 - Kudos to Walgreens for their relationships with JAG and OSY and the work experiences. It is a great partnership.
 - Business Services staff is working with and advocating for a former JAG student in follow up who was dislocated from Triolan in Kokomo to connect him with employers.
 - One Stop Operator is holding an introductory Youth Partnering Meeting. The purpose is to make introductions and build relationships with youth serving partners.
- Kara Webb shared an approval vote with Indiana State Board of Education will happen on Wednesday that will allow a locally created Career Pathway to be accepted at all Career + high schools
- Steve Snyder announced he stepped down as President of Tippecanoe Building Trades and Construction Council effective December 31, 2023. Shannon Turner was elected. Steve remains a Labor Rep and will serve as the Business Agent for Local 157 Plumbers and Pipefitters.
 - The Summer Apprenticeship Expo will be held in April at Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjournment.

Motion to adjourn:

Second:

Action: Unanimous approval

The meeting adjourned at 9:42AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Overley-Hilt

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Location – Lafayette – Region 4 Workforce Board office