

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2024**

Members	PY 23					
	7/11/2023	9/12/2023	11/14/2023	1/9/2024	3/12/2024	5/14/202
Steve Snyder, Chair	X	X	Cancelled	X	Cancelled	
Miranda Hutcheson	X	X				X
Lisa Minier	X					
Terri Simons	X	X		X		
Randy Vernon	X	X				X
Kara Webb	X	X		X		X

Also in attendance: Deb Waymire, Chief Operations Officer; and Mellisa Leaming, Director of Operations.

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 at 9:00AM by Randy Vernon in absence of 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 – In-school, Alternative School, Out of School Programs**

There are seven high school JAG programs currently in Region 4 - Peru, Logansport, McCutcheon, Lafayette, Twin Lakes, Kokomo, and Oakland Academy. The following are sites for the JAG expansion in Region 4 for the 2024-25 school year.

- Harrison High School for a program for grade 9-10 and a program for grade 11-12
- Benton Central High School for a program for grade 9 through 12.
- Northwestern H.S. for a program for grade 9 through 12.
- Oakland Academy adding 9-10 program.
- North Miami H.S. for a program for grade 9 through 12.
- LARA – (Lafayette Adult Resource Academy) a program for 16–24-year-olds
- Ivy Tech-Kokomo for a college success program

JAG staff continue to pursue additional schools for the 2025-26 school year.

**General Discussion** regarding the following topics ensued.

- New Indiana high school graduation requirements
- Career Savings Accounts
- Development of youth apprenticeships
- Best practice models
- Work-based Learning
- Resources available

### **Pre-Apprenticeships**

There is \$500 for students enrolled in pre-apprenticeships to assist with training costs. The grant opportunity ends in May 2026. It is challenging to move forward with under 18-year-olds. Gerry Vasquez will contract Miranda.

### **Rural Healthcare Grant**

Deb Waymire shared with Miranda how the Rural Healthcare grant can assist with funding for students enrolled with the rural CTE locations. The Rural Healthcare grant ends in January 2025.

### **WIOA Youth Performance Measures**

The WIOA Youth Performance for the period ending December 31, 2023, were share with the Committee. Region 4 met or exceeded all performance measures. Credential Attainment is challenging. The measure should improve as we move forward with only JAG Seniors being co-enrolled.

**Action Items:** Send the following to Committee Members

- Governor's Workforce Cabinet – Recommendations to Tackle Employers Talent Challenges and Accelerate the State's Economy
- HEA 1002 (2023) – A New Hoosier Education Model
- Intermediary Capacity Building Grant

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjournment.

**Motion to adjourn:**

**Second:**

**Action:** Unanimous approval

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Overley-Hilt

### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Location – Lafayette – Region 4 Workforce Board office