

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2024**

Members	PY 24					
	7/9/2024	9/10/2024	11/12/2024	1/14/2025	3/11/2025	5/13/2025
Steve Snyder, Chair	<b>Cancelled</b>	X				
Miranda Hutcheson		X				
Lisa Minier						
Terri Simons		X				
Randy Vernon		X				
Kara Webb						

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

The Youth Committee meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting conference call.

**Call to Order:**

Attendees were welcomed and the meeting called to order at 9:00AM by Committee Chair, Steve Snyder. A quorum of the membership was present to conduct business of the committee.

**New Business:**

**Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) Update**

Mellisa Leaming provided an update on JAG and the status of the enrollments at each of the JAG schools. There are 15 JAG schools in Region 4. 415 students are enrolled in JAG, which is doubled over last year because of the expansion of the program. JAG staff will continue to recruit students to reach the goal of 40 students in each JAG class by second semester. We do not expect to add any additional schools. Indiana has only five slots available left. Terri Simons shared the JAG team is fully staffed, and the new JAG Specialist received training during the summer. Kudos to the team’s hard work getting the new schools on board.

**WIOA Youth Performance Measures**

The final PY 23 WIOA Youth Performance for the period ending June 30,2024, was shared with the Committee. Region 4 exceeded 3 of the 5 performance measures. Employment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is above the negotiated goal. Median Earning measure is \$5,554 quite above the goal of \$3681. The Measurable Skill Gain is 20 points above the goal. We will continue to work to improve both Credential Attainment and Employment in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

**Youth Strategic Plan – Goals and Objectives**

The PY 21 Youth Strategic Goals, Objectives and Strategies were shared with the Committee. There will be strategic planning on October 1, 2024. This is the opportunity to review the goal, objectives and strategies; and add or make recommendations to the Board of any changes. Please provide any feedback prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Boys & Girls Club has seen an increase in teen attendance
- Re-visit the Youth Summit, rebuild with CTE.
- Building Trades Summer Apprenticeship Programs will continue
- Expand pre-apprenticeships aligning with the new high school diploma requirements.
  - Right Steps Child Development Centers
  - IKORCC – Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters

The Pre-apprenticeship grant goes until May 2026.

## **Annual Event and Deb's Retirement Celebration**

A reminder was given to Committee members of the upcoming Annual Event and Deb's Retirement Celebration on October 1, 2024. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the day's events.

## **Committee Member Updates**

- **Greater Lafayette Career Academy** enrollment overall is up 34% from last year and anticipates significant growth again next year. Many of the programs offer industry certifications and building in Ivy Tech certifications opening more opportunities for job development for youth. 30 students are involved in capstone experiences where the student is out working and getting paid with community partners in industry. Certifications available for youth are listed on the Greater Lafayette Career Academy website.
- **Work with SK Hynix to build career pathways** -curriculum can be offered but the primary concern is getting 16-17-year-old out into the community. There isn't a current CTE pathway but there are some skill building activities within K-12.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjournment.

**Motion to adjourn:** Randy Vernon

**Second:** Terri Simons

**Action:** Unanimous approval

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Overley-Hilt

## **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Location – Lafayette – Region 4 Workforce Board office