

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 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	Cancelled	X	X			
Miranda Hutcheson		X	X			
Lisa Minier						
Terri Simons		X	X			
Randy Vernon		X	X			
Kara Webb				X		

Also in attendance: Mellisa Leaming, Chief Operations Officer; and Tina Overley-Hilt, Executive Assistant

The Youth Committee meeting was held in person at the Region 4 Workforce Board/Tecumseh Area Partnership office at 976 Mezzanine Drive, Suite C, Lafayette, Indiana.

Call to Order:

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

New Business:

WorkOne Staff Attending National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) Conference

Three WorkOne staff, Treva Nichols, Maritsa Avila, and Danielle Purnell will attend the upcoming NAWDP Conference in Pheonix, Arizona. This is a training opportunity to skill up the WorkOne staff and earn a workforce development certification as a counselor.

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

The JAG CDC will be held February 6, 2025, on the campus of Ivy Tech Lafayette. The back-up date is February 13th. Ethan Groff, JAG Manager and Sara Snowden, Assistant JAG Manager, are looking for volunteers to judge the competition events. We estimate over 300-350 JAG students will be participating or attending. The event includes competitions, a career fair, campus tour, guest speaker on leadership, lunch and award ceremony. JAG 9th and 10th grade students from Benton Central will also attend. Kara requested to include the Career + schools and register the participants to conduct a survey following the event.

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Expansion

There are three additional schools starting the JAG program in January 2025. Tipton and Lewis Cass will add 11-12 classes, Twin Lakes School in Monticello is adding a 9-10 class. Logansport Academy in starting a class. Region 4 is in 9 of 12 of our counties.

New WIOA Performance Goals for Youth

Region 4 re-negotiated the WIOA Performance goals for Youth for PY 24 and PY 25. PY 24 will remain the same. PY 25 the goal for Employment after 2nd quarter and the goal for Employment after 4th quarter will increase. We believe Region 4 will be able to meet the new performance goals.

Committee Member Updates

- **Terri Simons** announced her new role as Director of Operations with TAP/Region 4 Workforce Board beginning November 18, 2024.
- **Greater Lafayette Career Academy (GLCA)** enrollment increased 31% and are recruiting for next school year. GLCA has a pilot program with Right Steps Child Care and the pre-apprenticeship program through the Dept. of Education. Miranda Hutcheson shared information about the dual- credits, pre-apprenticeship and the pathways of the program.
- **Greater Lafayette Commerce**
 - Manufacturing Week-2,581 students participated in Manufacturing Week. Registration is open for next year. Next year will be open to 400 elementary students per day, 400 middle school students per day, and unlimited number of high school students.
 - Kara attended the Manufacturing Workforce Summit in Minnesota
 - Met with employers about work-based learning, new graduation requirements, and graduation seals.
 - Visit to SK hynix - Kara shared her trip to Korea. A group of partners toured the SK hynix facility. Discussion was had about how to begin moving forward to spark interest and training in the industry sector.

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, January 14, 2025

Location – Lafayette – Region 4 Workforce Board office