

Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board

Youth Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 10th, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Called to Order Jacob Nye
Roll Call Andrea Taylor
*Excused Absences Jacob Nye
*Approval of Agenda Jacob Nye
*Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Jacob Nye

STANDING REPORTS

Equus August Youth Report Kendra Schaapveld Virtual Reality Metrics Report Kendra Schaapveld

Burlington Youth Space Kendra Schaapveld/Miranda S

Other Business Public Comment

Adjourn Jacob Nye

Accommodations

Accommodations are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you need an accommodation, please contact: Miranda Swafford <u>director@mississippivalleyworkforce.org</u> or at 319-759-8980.

^{*}Items Requiring a Vote ** Items Requiring a Roll Call vote



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Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

Members Present: Jacob Nye, Heather Halbrook, Rebecca Ruberg, Regina Matheson, Patrick Stock,

and Andy Sokolovich

Members Absent: Tim Brown and Carol Reynolds,

Staff Present: Miranda Swafford, Executive Director, Andrea Taylor, Associate Director, and Phyllis

Wood, Executive Assistant

CEO Present: none

Equus Staff: Kendra Schaapveld, Project Director, Tabytha Seigfried, Quality Assurance Specialist, and

Taylor Longstreth, Project Supervisor **One-stop Operator**: Robert Ryan

CALLED TO ORDER

Nye called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

QUORUM

There was a quorum to conduct business.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Sokolovich made a motion to approve Reynolds absence, seconded by Stock, the motion carried. Brown had an unexcused absence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sokolovich made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Ruberg, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Matheson made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Ruberg, the motion carried.

EQUUS AUGUST REPORT

Schaapveld stated there were 12 participants enrollments for August, 7 participants started occupational skills trainings, ten stipends and thirteen incentives were paid out. Nye asked which trainings. Longstreth and Seigfried reported CNA, heavy duty diesel mechanic, automotive technology, and American sign language. Equus is working to incorporate classes for each of the 14 youth elements. Schaapveld reported there is a new non-profit mentoring in QCA with whom they have set up a meeting to see about partnering with them for mentoring. Nye asked about financial literacy and Schaapveld stated Davenport is rolling out a workshop. Swafford asked who is doing the workshop and if was started from scratch. Schaapveld said the youth team put it together and is specific to youth. It was created from scratch but based on other financial literacy programs. The content has to have different

information than the one provided to adults. The youth program was vetted by Shannon Weaver and Longstreth. Nye asked about education offered concurrently with workforce preparation, Schaapveld looking it up and will report back. Swafford asked about what LMI information is being shared. Schaapveld reported the LMI category is really broad, anytime they talk about career exploration or wages or growth they check the LMI box.

VIRTUAL REALITY METRICS REPORT

Schaapveld reviewed a report from TRANSVR covering the usage of the headsets. Believes the numbers are inaccurate though. The report covered the first quarter of data. Two youths have used it for job training completing thirteen simulations. Schaapveld has dates set up in IJAG classes in the QCA. Swafford is meeting with the Teacher Coach at Burlington High School to connect about VR opportunities.

BURLINGTON YOUTH SPACE

Schaapveld wants to mirror the Davenport youth space in Burlington that would provide a comfortable classroom setting with computers and headset utilization space; safe space and interview; clothing could be stored and hygiene products. It's been a big success at Davenport. They have toured a couple of vacant spaces at the mall. Swafford would have to have a waiver approved to allow for a Title I space separate from the AJC. The board or Equus would hold the lease. Nye questions using the mall as the location as it is not a popular spot for youth anymore. Wood asked about bus service to the mall and Ruberg said the buses take people where they want to go. Schaapveld reported the space at the mall would be \$1500 per month for a lease.

LMI REPORTS

Nye shared there is a lot of information available in Lightcast. Some highlights he took away were that overall jobs decreased by 14000 in the last 5 years. The area is about 17K below the national average. There are 125,507 over 55 years old of the workforce total of 201,018.

Top growing occupations matches were similar to what we are seeing youth enrolled in for occupational skills training.

PERFORMANCE OUTCOME PY21 Q4

Swafford pulled out Youth specific data from a performance negotiation meeting. The area was able to negotiate a lower credential attainment rate in PY22 and lower measurable skills gains rates for PY22 and PY23. The state will be using a local statistical adjustment model which could affect the rates either lower or higher based on economic conditions.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

Matheson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ruberg, the motion carried. Nye adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

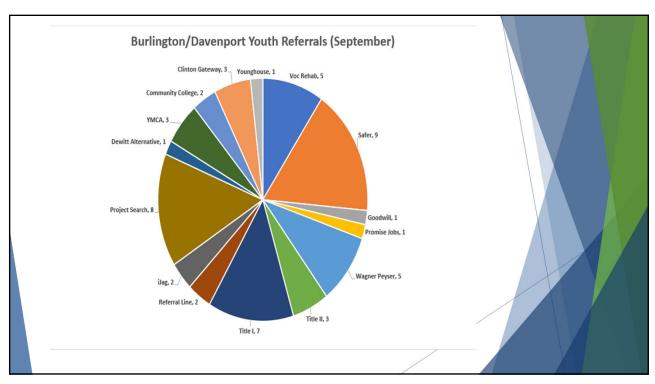


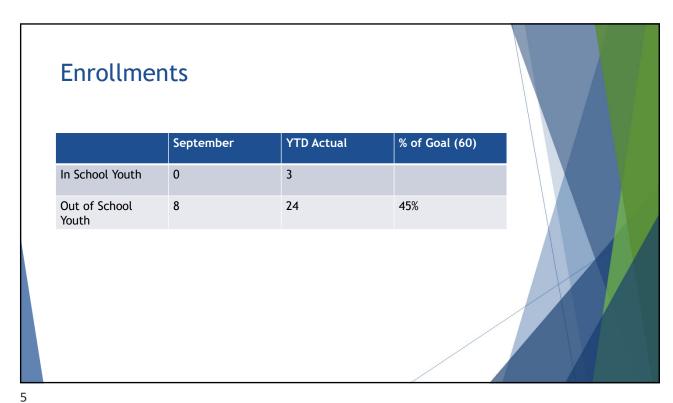


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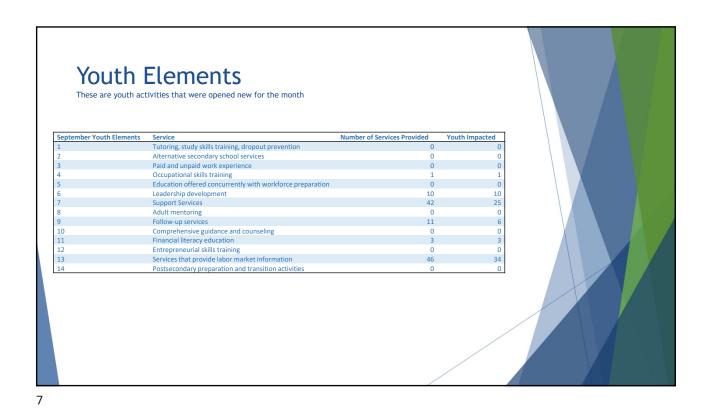
- ► Lee County Career Exploration
- ▶ Soft skill workshops at Lee County Juvenile Detention Center
- ▶ Southeastern Community College Career Fair
- ▶ Program orientations
 - ▶ iJag
 - ► Davenport West YMCA
 - ► Clinton Gateway
- ► Fellowship Cup (Henry County)
- Quad Cities Community Foundation

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Stipends/Incentives

Stipends-paid out for attendance for high school or high school equivalency or class related to 14 elements

38 paid out

Incentives-paid out for measurable skills gain, achievement of basic skills, completion of a goal, FEO credits, perfect attendance for employment, employed after exit

▶ 9 paid out



Virtual Reality Training

- Lots of demo's
- ► No new hours for WEX

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Obstacles

- ▶ Roadblocks in communication with referral partner
- ▶ After hours communication with participants
- ▶ Participants not getting us documentation for incentive payments

