



# Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board

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## **Youth Committee Meeting**

Monday, January 10, at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

**Members Present:** Jacob Nye, Heather Halbrook, Regina Matheson, Rebecca Ruberg, Patrick Stock, and Ron Schaefer

**Members Absent:** Andy Sokolovich and Carol Reynolds

**Staff Present:** Miranda Swafford, Executive Director and Phyllis Wood, Executive Assistant

**CEO Present:** None

**Equus Staff:** Cherisa Price-Wells, Regional Director, Kendra Schaapveld, Project Director, Shannon Weaver, Operations Supervisor, Tabytha Seigfried, Quality Assurance Specialist and Brent Schwoebel, Youth Career Navigator

**One-stop Operator:** Robert Ryan

### **CALLED TO ORDER**

Nye called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

### **QUORUM**

There was a quorum to conduct business.

### **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Ruberg made a motion to approve Sokolovich and Reynolds absences, seconded by Schaefer, motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Stock made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Matheson, motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

### **EQUUS OCTOBER YOUTH REPORT**

Schaapveld reported on November and December numbers represented respectively in the following numbers. There were 185 and 152 contacts with potential participants, 231 and 199 contacts with participants, with \$9,757 and \$4,565 spent on WEX and \$335 on incentives in November and \$1500 in support services in December. There were 0 ISY and 3 OSY enrollments during each month, and the average caseload remains around 24 over the two-month period. An OSY started WEX at Bark and Play, one ISY gained unsubsidized employment at Target, and another ISY earned 14.5 college credits in nursing. Schaapveld discussed the community outreach connections being made by Schwoebel. Schwoebel is hoping to present at an MCC orientation for HiSET classes, is looking at creating a Youth Ambassador, and he is working on a social media strategy to include Snap Chat and possibly Tiktok. Swafford asked about the strategy for continued connections. Schwoebel and Schaapveld summarized the asset mapping ends up looking more like a Venn diagram with

working with the organizations that host the WIC program, police and juvenile courts, low-income property managers, and resource officers at all the high schools in Davenport.

### **YOUTH SYMPOSIUM UPDATE**

Schaapveld reported the career navigators came back with enthusiasm and the youth team is looking to implement multiple ideas shared at the symposium including a youth focused summer job fair April 19, expanding social media platforms and presence, and the youth ambassador. Title I is working as a partner for a large Quad Cities job fair taking place at the Tax Slayer center. Swafford added there was a financial tool kit for youth with disabilities developed by the Department of Labor to help youth understand how earnings affects benefits.

### **MEETING TIME REVIEW**

Swafford explained the CEOs had reviewed board attendance and wanted each committee to review their meeting date and time to ensure it works with the members. There were no issues with the current schedule.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Swafford let the committee members know there is a board vacancy for a male in business and we are also looking for non-board members for Finance and Operations. The Associate Director role will focus on membership.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ADJOURN**

Schaefer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stock, motion carried. Nye adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.