



# Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board

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## **Youth Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, February 13, at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

**Members Present:** Jacob Nye, Rebecca Ruberg, Regina Matheson, Heather Halbbrook, and Tim Brown

**Members Absent:** Andy Sokolovich, Patrick Stock, and Carol Reynolds

**Staff Present:** Andrea Taylor, Associate Director, and Mandy Tripp, Executive Assistant

**CEO Present:** Shane McCampbell and Chad White

**Equus Staff:** Taylor Longstreth, Title One Operations Manager, and Shannon Weaver, Title One Operations Manager, Kendra Schaapveld, Title One Project Director, Tabytha Seigfried, Quality Assurance, Cherisa Price Wells, Equus Regional Director

**One-stop Operator:** Nick Clayton

### **CALLED TO ORDER**

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

### **QUORUM**

There was a quorum to conduct business.

### **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Ruberg made a motion to approve Sokolovich's absence, seconded by Matheson, and the motion carried. Stock and Reynolds had unexcused absences.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

### **EQUUS JANUARY YOUTH REPORT**

Schaapveld reported 8 out-of-school youth enrollments for January and 8 entered into Occupational Skills Training. 37 stipends and 40 incentives have been paid out in January. Schaapveld also reported outcomes for January were: 3 OSY Work Experience started, 1 in-school youth work experience started, 3 credentials, 11 measurable skill gains, 2 HISED completions, and 2 unsubsidized employments. The customer satisfaction survey was 94% in January. Schaapveld advised the challenges they are facing are under 18 youth hear stipend and we need them to hear career pathway development. Also had an issue with Gateway Clinton Alternative High School class schedule that did not match the grades on the transcripts caused two participants to be upset because we were unable to pay for their grades.

## **VIRTUAL REALITY METRICS REPORT**

Schaapveld stated they had 38 users and 60 SIMS. The Virtual Training Facility had 9 users with 34 completed SIMS. The VTF usage in January is near what it was for 2022, January seems to be very popular with the headsets.

## **Q1 Performance**

Taylor advised that the concern over the performance requirements not being met is that if it is not met two years in a row the state can force realignment. Weaver advised the challenge with this data is that we are just entering Q3, but do not even have the Q2 data yet and will not have it until end of March. She advised she ran the MSG data earlier today and it was 28.75% which is 4% higher than Q1. Weaver advised she thinks MVWA is on track to meet performance. McCampbell asked if this is unique to the MVWA and Schaapveld advised it just depends on the area of the state, but no it is not specific to MVWA, there are other areas in the state doing worse and some doing better. Nye asked if there was anything from the Board/Committee side that can be done to assist in meeting those performance measures and Weaver advised the board already did that by offering stipends and incentives, so at this time, she did not have any suggestions.

## **MARCH IN-PERSON MEETING**

Nye advised he will be hosting with a tour of the apprenticeship facility that trains electricians for 13 counties with 60 current apprentices in the program. He will get the address to Tripp and she will update the meeting information and send it out to everyone.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **ADJOURN**

Ruberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matheson and the motion carried. Nye adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.