



Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board

Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Members Present: Jacob Nye, Rebecca Ruberg, Regina Matheson, Heather Halbbrook, Carol Reynolds, and Andy Sokolovich

Members Absent: Patrick Stock, and Tim Brown

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

CEO Present: Shane McCampbell

Equus Staff: Kendra Schaapveld, Title One Director, Taylor Longstreth, Title One Operations Manager, Shannon Weaver, Title One Operations Manager, Tabytha Seigfried, Quality Assurance, and Dashawn Banks, Youth Outreach Specialist

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

There were no excused absences, Tim Brown and Patrick Stock had unexcused absences.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

EQUUS MARCH YOUTH REPORT

Schaapveld reported 9 out-of-school youth enrollments for March and 1 entered into Occupational Skills Training. 38 stipends and 17 incentives were paid out in March. Schaapveld also reported outcomes for March: 1 OJT started, 1 Phlebotomy certificate, 1 HISED completion, 1 High School Diploma, 3 measurable skill gains, 2 credentials, and 10 unsubsidized employments. The customer satisfaction survey was 93.63% in March. Schaapveld advised the challenge they are facing is still participant follow-through.

VIRTUAL REALITY METRICS REPORT

Schaapveld stated they had 59 unique users, 72 SIMS started, and 46 sims completed. The most popular sims were First Responders, Robotics Specialist, Hotel Front Desk, and Auto Service Tech. The virtual training facility had 5 users with 50 sims completed.

YOUTH ELIGIBILITY&LMI

Weaver covered the Out of School Youth Eligibility requirements and discussed eligibility versus suitability, just because they are eligible does not mean they are suitable for the programs if they are not willing to try to do the work. Siegfried shared data that showed the majority of the OSY are basic skills deficient which is less than 8th grade. Weaver posed the question about what youth population we want to focus our efforts on, after sharing the data from Jobs EQ and the eligibility, the group agreed that the focus should be on dropouts, parenting youth, basic skills deficient, and those in the rural counties with higher levels of socially disconnected youth. No decisions were made, and more discussion will take place at the next meeting. The Jobs EQ data was sent via email to the committee during the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

Matheson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Reynolds and the motion carried. Nye adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.