



Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board

Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 14, at 4:00 p.m., via Zoom

Members Present: Jacob Nye, Rebecca Ruberg, Regina Matheson, Heather Halbroom, and Martha Bell

Members Absent: Charlene Fitzgerald (unexcused), Carol Reynolds (unexcused), Andy Sokolovich (unexcused)

Staff Present: Andrea Taylor, Strategic Partnership Specialist and Tyler Lanz, Communications Assistant

CEO Present: None

Equus Staff: Kendra Schaapveld, Title One Director, Taylor Longstreth, Title One Operations Manager, and Tabytha Seigfried, Quality Assurance

One-Stop Operator: Nick Clayton

CALLED TO ORDER

Nye called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

QUORUM

There was a quorum to conduct business.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included approval of the agenda and approval of previous meeting minutes.

Reynolds, Sokolovich, and Fitzgerald were listed as unexcused absences. Ruberg made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Matheson, motion carried.

EQUUS JULY YOUTH REPORT

Schaapveld reviewed current outreach strategies and highlighted a new partnership with Genesis Health Systems' GAIN Camp (Genesis Awareness in Nursing). Schaapveld reported 10 out-of-school youth enrollments and 0 in-school youth enrollments for July, 1 entered into Occupational Skills Training, and 2 entered into Work-Based Learning. 7 stipends and 13 incentives were paid out in July. Schaapveld also reported outcomes for July: 3 CNA, 1 Event Management and Design, 1 Phlebotomy Tech, 1 HiSED, and 6 unsubsidized employments. The customer satisfaction survey was 94.29% in July. Schaapveld advised that they received fewer surveys than usual due to issues with the link, which have been resolved. Schaapveld presented two participant highlights, including a new partnership with IBEW to develop a WEP with Tri-City Electric and a participant who obtained their CNA and entered Nursing school at Eastern Iowa Community College.

VIRTUAL REALITY METRICS REPORT

Schaapveld stated they had 3 unique users this month for Career Exploration. 5 Sims started with 3 completed. 8 youths started in the Virtual Training Facility and completed 51 simulations. Schaapveld advised they have added an Adult classroom to the Virtual Training Facility in an effort to branch out

and use the headsets for more than just work experiences. 1 adult started in the Virtual Training Facility and completed 5 simulations. Nye asked about the completed sims by mastery detail and next steps for individuals who are “stuck.” Schaapveld advised they have the option to start over and try again or quit.

CLINTON YOUTH EVENT UPDATE

Lanz reported that there will be a youth career exploration event on October 4, 2023 at the Advancement Center in Clinton, IA from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Youth will have the opportunity for hands-on career exploration using a CDL simulator, Welding simulators, Construction simulators, and Virtual Reality headsets.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nye discussed that he will reach out regarding the Southeast Iowa High School Trades Expo coming up in November.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

Matheson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ruberg and the motion carried. Nye adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.