



Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board

Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 8, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., via Zoom

Members Present: Jacob Nye, Rebecca Ruberg, Andy Sokolovich, Regina Matheson

Members Absent: Carol Reynolds (emailed), Charlene Fitzgerald (emailed), Heather Halbrook (emailed), Martha Bell (no email)

Staff Present: Tyler Lanz, Strategic Partnership Specialist

CEO Present: None

Equus Staff: Cherisa Price-Wells, Regional Director, Taylor Longstreth, Title I Operations Manager, and Shannon Weaver, Title I Operations Manager

One-Stop Operator: Nick Clayton

CALLED TO ORDER

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

QUORUM

There was not a quorum to conduct business.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was not a quorum to approve the consent agenda.

EQUUS DECEMBER YOUTH REPORT

Longstreth reviewed current outreach strategies and highlighted some recent events that they attended. Longstreth reported 5 out-of-school youth enrollments, 1 in-school youth enrollment, 0 entered Occupational Skills Training, and 0 entered into Work-Based Learning. 21 stipends and 24 incentives were paid out in December. Longstreth also reported outcomes: 2 CNA, 1 HiSED, 1 EMT, 1 Esthetician credential, and 9 unsubsidized employments. Longstreth shared a success story which resulted in the EMT credential for a Clinton County participant, and Sokolovich inquired whether they would be willing to participate in a video spotlight for Grow Clinton to promote the program and celebrate the participant. The customer satisfaction rate was 91.67% with 22 surveys completed.

VIRTUAL REALITY METRICS REPORT

Longstreth presented the VR metrics report. She reported that only 1 person participated in Career Exploration, completing 1 simulation. Because there were no work-based learning placements in December, 0 Youth used the Virtual Training Facility.

***LOCAL PLAN QUESTIONS**

There was not a quorum to discuss or vote on the Local Plan Questions.

YOUTH WAIVER 50/50

Lanz reported that the governor had applied for a waiver which would require that 50% of funding to be spent on In-School Youth rather than the current ratio of 75/25. Weaver provided an overview of the impacts that would have on youth programming.

***WBL INTERMEDIARY GRANT**

There was not a quorum to discuss and vote on the WBL Intermediary Grant.

YOUTH ON YOUTH COMMITTEE

Lanz presented the idea of having youth participating on the Youth Committee. Currently, youth program participants can earn 1 FEO credit for attending Youth Committee meetings. Youth would be non-voting members of the committee, would not be included in quorum, and would serve in an advisory capacity. Lanz discussed that some nonprofit boards restrict which meetings youth are able to attend and which topics they are able to contribute to, while others allow them to serve in an advisory role for all meetings. The committee expressed that they are in favor of continuing to develop this idea.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

Nye adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.