

Region 1
Youth Interagency Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Keystone AEA, Elkader, Iowa

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Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. Roll call was taken, and it was noted that a quorum was present.

Members present via Conference Call/Google: Ron Axtell, Lisa Curtin, Jeff Beneke, Courtney Adam, Brianne Farrey, Marla Loecke, Gisella Aitken-Shadle, Hannah Steiber, and Kendra Schaapveld.

Members Absent:

Kathy McCarthy, Mary Ott, Caprice Jones, Jean Bossom, Gina Robinson, David Boss, Temwa Phiri, Patrick Taggart, Jeanne Helling, Mike Smith, Steve Lieberher, Jamie Phipps, and Keri Maas.

Discussion and Action

- **Consider Approval of Agenda** – Motion Beneke, seconded Steiber, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

- **Presentation** – WIOA Title I Youth Program – Ron Axtell shared with the group information on Title I, Youth Program. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA), includes
 - Title I—Adult/Dislocated Workers and Youth (IowaWorks – Ron, Lisa)
 - Title II—Adult Education and Family Literacy (HSED, NICC-Gissella)
 - Title III—Wagner-Peyser (IWD, IowaWorks-Marla)
 - Title IV—IVRS/IA Dept. of Blind (Jeanne, Mary, Jamie)

WIOA Title I Youth Program includes 2 parts: **In School Youth**, 14-21 years old, enrolled in secondary/post-secondary school and **Out of School Youth**, 16-24 years old, not attending any school. At least 75% of funding must be spent on out of school youth with no more than 25% expended on in school youth. In addition, at least 20% of the youth funding must be used for work-based learning such as internships or work experience. To qualify youth must have barriers such as basic skills deficient, homeless, runaway, foster care, pregnant/or parenting, offender, or have a disability. In school youth criteria includes low income as well. Some out of school youth may not have to meet the low-income criteria, however, in Region 1 low income youth are prioritized. Out of school youth (16-24) with limited or no work history/soft skills are assisted to compete in the labor market. When they are employed, IowaWORKS becomes the employer of record and pays the wages, workers compensation, accident insurance, etc. This program runs up to 13 calendar weeks for full time hours or 26 calendar weeks for part time hours. They are evaluated half-way through and at the end with progress reports completed by the worksite supervisor. Dubuque area has 8 in school youth participating at Swiss Valley in a paid work experience, 6 weeks @ 30 hours/week along with 2 out of school youth participating in a paid work experience/internship at IowaWORKS and Fountain of Youth, 26 weeks @20 hours/week. Lisa noted that they are looking for referrals in the northern area. Internships offer exposure to work, but also focus on specific job skills that can be added to a resume.

Jeff Beneke asked if information flyer could be shared with the group. Ron stated that he would have Penny send out with minutes.

- **Youth Interagency Roundtable Sharing**

- Gisella Aitken-Shadle, NICC, Title II Programs—Dubuque session is running Monday through Thursday, and Friday is independent. 20 students participating. HSED is transitioning to new assessment/Casas update. In the new version, students will be able to use calculators during the assessment. There were 68 graduates this June. There were 75 graduates in 2018. The numbers are higher since switched to the HSED.
- Marla Loecke, IWD, WIOA Title 3 Programs (Wagner Peyser). New computer system went in June 3rd. More intuitive, matching up in system, more visual, better match for clients. Users can go to iowaworks.gov, sign in with user name and password and access the dashboard. There is very good information including labor market and financial budgeting.
- Jeff Beneke, Governor's STEM Advisory Council. There will be a Math Scale Up program with applications out August 27 and due October 1, 2019. STEM Festivals will be held October 24, 2019, Keystone AEA, Elkader, April 16, 2020, at University of Dubuque, Dubuque, and April 23, 2020, at Luther College, Decorah (tentative). STEM will be at the State Fair on August 18, with 25 exhibitors, give a ways, and fun.
- Kendra Schaapveld, Promise Jobs. There is a \$1,000 grant available to get job ready which covers, housing, tools, uniforms, interview clothing, and driver education to name a few.
- Lisa Curtin UERPC, Title 1, WIOA. Lisa noted that information on internships from Region 1 will be included in the Dept. of Ed tool kit.
- Brianne Farrey shared that Job Corps in Ottumwa is full with a 4 month wait list. Dennison locations has immediate openings for youth ages 16-24, low income.
- Hannah Steiber, Career and Technical Education, Keystone AEA. Have been busy focusing on Future Ready Iowa with industry tours offered in Guttenberg, Decorah and Dubuque. Hoping to get some work-based learning opportunities. Question regarding teacher externships—teachers have done on their own, but maybe look into building more into. Jeff shared that there are 24 externships through STEM in Waukon/Decorah area.

Other Business:

Ron asked about information on the Work Based Clearinghouse. IWD labor market looking for more info. Hannah shared that Bev Berns at Keystone AEA (bberns@aea1.k12.ia.us) is the clearinghouse contact person. Businesses use classrooms to help with marketing. Platform is on the Future Ready Iowa Site. It launched July 1, 2019. It is a smaller scale than STEM Best. Lots of businesses from all over are on the clearing house. Jeff stated that it compliments STEM Best. Any business has access to enter project; Iowa Dept. of Ed oversees. Students can look and send interest to teacher to organize.

Floor Items/Closure:

- The next meeting dates were discussed as follows:
 - Fall: **October 15, 2019** – In-person meeting @ Keystone AEA.

Adjournment:

Motion Beneke, seconded Aitken-Shadle, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.