

Region 1 Youth Interagency Conference Call

**Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)
“Workforce Partners – Helping Iowa Work”**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions – Ron/Lisa

Members present: Lisa Curtin, Ron Axtell, Gisella Aitken-Shadle, Mary Ott, Jeff Beneke, Steve Lieberherr, Marla Loecke, Patrick Taggart & Amy Chicos

Members Absent: Jeanne Helling, Jamie Phipps, Kathy McCarthy, Hannah Steiber, Capice Jones, Kendra Schaapveld, Gina Robinson, & Mike Smith

2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum – Sue Larson (Keystone AEA)

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Consider Approval of Agenda – Ron/Lisa

Motion Jeff Beneke, seconded Patrick Taggart, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2. Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services Presentation – Steve Lieberherr

Present on work done in eight area schools in three counties. Provide a variety of pre-employment transition services for students. Job Exploration Counseling: career index, interest assessment, career speakers and learning about different jobs and what they entail. Also, market research for booming jobs.

Work-Based Learning: Touring of businesses, job shadowing (watch and observation), and OJT. Counseling on colleges and apprenticeships. Includes FAFSA information and how to apply. Disability support services, college applications, financial literacy. Learn how to work with others in a respectful manner and we talk about listening skills. Team-work, cover letters, resumes, and discuss social media pros and cons.

Self Advocacy: Understanding accommodations and disabilities. How to approach people, teachers and professors. Make decisions and how to request accommodations. Relationship building. I work with students to assess a need for services. Maybe more in-depth services are needed and then I do an intake. Students need to be a part of vocational services in order to participate. If you are interested, I can email you a brochure about the services I provide.

3. Round Robin Updates - All Agencies

Ron Axtell – Youth program still looking at the enrollment in Dubuque. Primary focus on work-based learning for out of school youth. 20% of budget needs to be spent on the out of school youth program. Focus on ages 18-24 that are not in school. System transformation with Title III partners. Department of Labor had findings to look at for realignment. The State Work Force Board was tasked with coming up with different options for the new 6 regions. State board had approved the map. An appeal was filed with the Department of Labor and realignment was denied. Notification was received on December 20 from the Department of Labor. As of now we will continue to operate under 15 Regions until other criteria has been met. Realignment is off the table for now. At this time, we will not be partnering with Regions 2 and 7.

Gisella Aitken-Shadle – Title II: Classes will be starting on Monday. Dubuque is doing a class for College and Career Readiness and partnering with Iowa Works. This will be free for students. Focus on getting a better job and learning computer programs. Iowa Works on Wednesday's, works on curriculum to find a job, job fairs, etc. Thinking Thursday, the focus is math, reading and writing skills. Refresher courses are also offered for students. Realignment services up for rebidding and contracts would be for 3-4 years.

Marla Loecke – Title III: 2020 focus will be on Teacher Ready Iowa. Want 70% for workforce to have more than a high school diploma. Working with youth on career matches. Apprenticeships and more education to get them into a career. Round Table in production with Department of Corrections on January 29 at Anamosa Penitentiary. Focus with corrections department on going forward, how they transition out of prison, probation etc. Making sure they can get into a sustainable job. Need a job and a career to not reoffend. Veterans are a huge priority also. January 1– April 30 Veterans Medalion program for hiring veterans. This is for employers to focus on hiring veterans. There is a cost for employers to apply. Then there will be incentives for employers to win.

Mary Ott – Title IV: There will be a Deaf Population Roundtable on Wednesday, January 15 for anyone who didn't get a chance to go to Waterloo or Dubuque. Location will be the Mason City Iowa State Patrol Office at 8:30-10:30 a.m. This has been offered to employers. Opportunity to share and become more comfortable with deaf people.

Amy ?? – Title 4: Clarifying our roles. I work with juniors and seniors with open files. Working on same skills as Steve Lieberherr. Also, work with Lisa and Kelly to identify students with co-enrollments. Attend IEP meetings in schools to get to know students. Some potential co-enrollments on the radar.

Jeff Beneke: STEM update. There are 13 different programs for PreK-12 students in or out of school. After school programs available. We pay for programs and cost of training. Applications will open on Tuesday, January 21. Apply for more than one program. Application deadline is February 10, 2020. Call me with questions. Visit: neiwastem.com for information on STEM Festivals and Scale-Up Programs.

STEM Festivals:

March 24, 2020 – Cedar Valley Family STEM at UNI Dome. Free and open to public.
April 16, 2020 – Dubuque Area STEM at University of Dubuque
April 23, 2020 – Northeast Iowa STEM at Luther College

Patrick Taggart – Proteus: We continue holding clinics in Region 1. February 3, there will be grant work for farm workers in Postville. Youth County Board helps to find jobs oOr the next step of education. Interactive programs available.

4. Other Business

Ron noted that Perry with Job Corp, no longer had a presence in the Dubuque office.

FLOOR ITEMS/CLOSURE

- 1. Proposed Meeting Times/Dates – Ron/Lisa
Spring - April 21, 2020 (in-person)
10:00 AM @ Keystone AEA – Elkader
Conference Room D2**

- 2. Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Sue Larson
Keystone AEA