

**Youth Standing Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2020**  
**Iowa Workforce Center Conference Room**  
**3 Triton Circle, Fort Dodge, IA 50501**

Members present:

- Abby Underberg, Coord. of Adult Literacy, Iowa Central
- Ashlee Zimmerman – YEP career advisor
- Kyle Bangert – Workforce Board member – Region 5 & employer (Board chair)
- Teresa Larson-White - Youth Employment Program (Title 1 Youth program)
- Kris Nerem-Lowery – Youth Empowerment Association, INC & Iowa Central Community College
- Erin Habben – Fort Dodge Parks & Rec (Youth Serving Organization) & employer

Members Absent:

- Mary Kenny – TAP – (Fort Dodge Senior High)
- Tacey Arens – Voc-Rehab

Meeting was called to order at 3:3 pm. Motion Bangert, second by Habben to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Bangert, second by Habben to approve the minutes of December 19, 2019 Motion carried

**Introductions:** There were no new members to the committee

**Member Updates:**

- Report from Underberg on the next Hiset orientation. Request by Bangert to have Hiset flyers sent to his place of business so he could encourage employees and public. They have funding for Surface Pros for ESL students starting in July
- Iowa Central Trio & Youth Empowerment - Trio has applied for a 5 year grant. Nerem-Lowery reported that the Trio program is full at this time. Youth Empowerment is taking nomination for mentors of the year and server of the year. Nomination information can be found on their Facebook page.
- Parks & Rec- Will be hiring part-time staff for concessions and other duties. If they are under age 18, background checks are not required.

**Youth Program update**

1. Program stats/outreach – currently 17 youth are enrolled in the program and there are 10 applications in process. Referrals have been coming

from the PRIDE program at the High School, Iowa Workforce, HISET class and Community & Family Resources. Currently there are three youth who are in post-secondary education. Two youth are in WEPs, one at Wendy's and one at the Iowa Workforce office.

2. Budget Report – Larson-White provided the committee with an update on the Youth budget. As of the end of February 2020, youth budget was on target to exceed the 20% work experience requirement.

**Old Business: No old business**

**New Business:** There was no new business

**Comments from Visitors:** None

**Next meeting: Meeting will be scheduled after the realignment discussion and once a board support is hired to assist with meetings.**

**Action Item: Still need a youth representative from the program.**

Motion to adjourn by Larson-White, second by Zimmerman. Motion carried.

Meet adjourned at 4:30 p.m.