

# Youth Standing Committee

April 9, 2021 | 11 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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Committee Members: Darla Helm (Co-Chair/LWDB Member), Danna Buls, Ann Schlapia (Co-Chair), Mindy Stalker, Eric Frey, Sheri Blair, and Guisela Valladolid.

Executive Director, Southwest Iowa Local Workforce Development Board: Michelle Wilson

Present: Darla Helm, Ann Schlapia, Sheri Blair, Michelle Wilson, and Guisela Valladolid.

1. Program Update

Guisela

There is money for out of school and in school youth. Currently two are enrolled. One out of school and one in school youth. Fliers have been sent out to highlight services that are offered to 14 school districts and only one, from Mt. Ayr, has replied. Follow up is made with phone calls and email. Voc Rehab has sent five referrals. If you know of others, please reach out to Guisela. Zoom meetings can be made available. Fiscal year ends June 30, 2021. Up to 20 percent can be rolled over. If funds up to 80 percent are not utilized, it is then taken back.

2. Guidance and Direction

Michelle

Broad language in the work of the established Youth Committee. Currently undergoing a new planning cycle that will be good for two years. Local plan, a strategic plan that outlines vision for the local area to drive the work, is led by the 19 key board members. It is to be submitted by this October 1, 2021, and allow for 30 days of public comment. A key component will include the Youth Standing Committee.

What does the Youth Committee actually do? This section of the guide addresses that question.

The regulations that govern youth activities under title I of WIOA describe seven specific responsibilities that a Youth Committee, under the direction of the Local WDB, may wish to undertake (20 CFR 681.120):

- Recommend policy direction to the Local WDB for the design, development, and implementation of programs that benefit all youth;
- Propose the design of a comprehensive community workforce development system to ensure a full range of services and opportunities for all youth, including disconnected youth;
- Suggest ways to leverage resources and coordinate services among schools, public programs, and community-based organizations (CBOs) serving youth;
- Offer ways to coordinate youth services and put forward eligible youth service providers;
- Provide ongoing leadership and support for continuous quality improvement for local youth programs;
- Assist with planning, operational, and other issues relating to the provision of services to youth; and
- Oversee eligible youth providers, as well as other youth program oversight responsibilities.

Regarding the final point, a Youth Committee may only assume oversight responsibilities if so delegated by the Local WDB after consultation with the chief elected official (CEO) of the local area. Otherwise, the Local WDB maintains oversight responsibilities.

What are the next steps to address the above eight bullet points?

- Currently working with Union County Development Association (UCDA) to have a page on their website to highlight available resources within the Region.
- Guisela will provide an overview of all 14 services that are available at the next meeting.

### 3. Skills USA-Overview and purpose

Darla

SWCC AEL has worked with a grant for COVID dislocated workers. It is to work on employability skills. Includes resume and interview opportunities for their employability needs. It will run throughout the year and it can be modified. If participants don't want the Career Essentials Credential, they can take individual modules. The first cohort will begin April 19. The Career Essentials Credential is an industry recognized credential. Seats are still available. High schools are using this Career Essentials Credential from SkillsUSA. If they are out of school, it is free. If in school, there is a charge.

### 4. Program Updates:

Sheri - Six school districts working with but overall slow year.

Ann Schlapia - Iowa Intermediary Network has had successful virtual events. The website to view them is [www.iowain.org](http://www.iowain.org), under the Connections Lab tab.

Danna Buls - New Executive Director at MATURA.

5. Next Meeting Date: To follow the quarterly meeting dates as the Local Board, the Youth Standing Committee will meet quarterly as well. The next meeting will be July 2021.