



Southwest Iowa Local Workforce Development Board Youth Committee Minutes

February 24, 2022 at 12:00 pm- Zoom

Members Present: Kim Bishop, Chair; Mindy Stalker; Barb Sampson, Erica Frey, Ann Schlapia

Excused Absences: None

Title I Staff: Danna Buls

Board staff present: Michelle Wilson – Executive Director, Nicole Krause – Executive Assistant

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 12:01 by Chair Kim Bishop.
- 2) Minutes: December minutes; Mindy moved to approve the December minutes; Erica seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Agenda: No updates needed for the agenda; Barb moved to approve; Mindy seconded; motion passed.
- 4) Program Update: Barb reports they haven't had many enrollments but there are three they are trying to work with who want to go to school. Presented information to middle school students and had a positive experience. Staff are continuing to send flyers. There are three in school youth on the waiting list but have to wait for out of school funds to be spent.

Danna reported they have been trying to reach out and made a list of contacts. Looking for ideas on marketing to get youth in. Mindy mentioned that Brittany Shinn might have a resource available. Michelle mentioned to send anyone you think might be eligible and Danna and Barb can figure out if they are.

- 5) Partner Program Updates: Erica is looking for low-income students (800 students 6-12 grade) and requested to send any leads her way. Ann has worked with middle school and high school students in career exploration, trio, IowaWORKS, and identifying career pathways. Mindy gave an update about the 8th graders she's been working with. Helped complete the application for a leadership program and discussed handshakes, eye contact, etc. There are still openings for the program and applications are due in April.



- 6) New business: Michelle stated they are focusing on top 5 activities. There is a business that offers coffee in a new location every Friday. Group talked about Project Lead The Way. Michelle stated the state received funding for covid needs and grants to support dislocated workers due to covid, back to school, on the job training for 18 and up. There is an IT program with a fast track for 12 weeks. Mindy asked about access to drop out rates for high school students. Erica will send that information out.

- 8) Next Meeting: The group will meet quarterly; next meeting will be Thursday, May 26 at 12:00 pm via Zoom.

- 9) Adjournment: Ann moved to adjourn; Erica seconded; Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm