

## **Youth Advisory Committee Meeting June 3, 2015**

Susie Drish called the meeting to order with introductions.

Youth Advisory in attendance was:

Becky Schmitz	Jefferson County Board of Supervisors/RWIB Member
Karen Swanson	IHCC High School Coordinator
Tony Diaz	First Resources
Toby Mitchell	Truant Officer, Ottumwa Community Schools
Noel Foster-Gorden	IHCC – Director of Learning Services
Sara Swanson	Cardinal MS/HS

Susie passed out the sample brochure for youth resources and asked everyone for their suggestions. We need to add an education tab so it would be easy to locate Job Corp, HISET, AEA and other educational resources.

This is Noel Gorden's first meeting as a member so she gave a brief description on what she does for the college and the programs she oversees.

Susie explained that there has not been any training on WIOA as of yet so there is not much she could tell the members regarding the new program. So she asked for suggestions from the members on what they feel we could do accommodate the out-of-school youth to get them jobs/training.

1. One comment was to offer a skill trade for ages 16-18 those who do not want to finish high so they can become self-sufficient and possibly come back and get their high school diploma later.

Also would it be possible to give us a list of all the youth that have dropped out of school for the past couple of years? We could approach them with incentives to get their HISET and work experience positions to gain work experience.

Susie went over the Summer Youth program, due to funding we were not able to have the summer youth program like we have had in the past. So we thought it would be best to place the youth in work experiences only so they could gain that experience.

Karen went over her project Educator in the Workplace that is taking place June 22-25<sup>th</sup> its 2 credits and you register at the Southern Prairie Area Education.

There was a suggestion about asking a mother of a youth to be a member of our Youth board so they could give us some insight from the parent's perspective. Everyone agreed it would be great input, so Susie was going to ask some parents from our youth program if they would like to be a member.

It was announced that free lunches are going to be served at Cardinal High School and Ottumwa High School from June 15th – August 15th from 12:00-1:00.

Decided on a schedule for the meetings, we would meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the last month of the quarter.

September 10, 2015

December 10, 2015

March 10, 2016

June 9, 2016

I announced that I would work on the youth brochure and email everyone the changes before school starts so we could get them out to everyone. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Stek