

Youth Standing Committee Meeting

6-8-17

Members in attendance:

Karen Swanson, IHCC High School Program Coordinator

Troy Seeley, Juvenile Court Services

Becky Schmitz, RWDB Member

Toby Mitchell, Truant Officer

Megan Yeager, Job Corps

Lindsay Anderson, Promise Jobs

Luann Eakins, Pekin CSD Counselor

Becky started the meeting with asking everyone to introduce themselves, there are new members in attendance. Becky Schmitz introduced herself as a member of the Regional Workforce Development Board (RWDB) and Chair of the Youth Standing Committee. Becky went over the purpose of the Youth Standing Committee which is a sub-committee of the RWDB Board. The purpose for this committee is to assist the needs of our youth by partnering up with other youth agencies.

Becky asked the committee if there were any events/workshops that are scheduled for youth.

- Karen Swanson announced that she is having Students in the Workplace – Grades 9-12 students with IEP from the three cities listed:
 - Centerville – June 1,2,3-2017
 - Oskaloosa – June 20, 21, 22-2017
 - Fairfield- August 1,2,3-2017

The goal is to introduce these students to the workforce by assisting them with their resumes and interviewing skills.

Day 1 – Prep

Day 2-Tours of local industries

Day 3-Resume writing and interviewing

- Reverse Job Fair – June 15th in the Gym at Job Corp.
This is where participants make billboards to sell themselves to employers, this is a new concept we are trying out. We invite employers to walk through and talk to the participants who give a quick elevator speech about themselves and why they should work for them.

WIOA is looking for out-of-school youth to enroll and assist them with their employment needs as far as education, resume and interviewing skills. We are trying to get the word out to all school counselors about our services, students who drop-out or not attending.

The committee asked Troy Seeley what his needs are for the juvenile youth, needing assistance with getting them jobs. It was suggested that IowaWORKS offers classes on assisting how to prepare a resume, what not to say and how to interview. I suggested a meeting with Jen Erdmann-Operations Manager, Rich Kennedy-Facilitator and Troy to go over the options for him.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Stek