

**REGION 7
YOUTH STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 24, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
Cedar Valley IowaWORKS
3420 University Avenue
Waterloo, IA**

Youth Advisory Council

Marsha Watters
Nancy Kehoe

Representing

Waterloo Community Schools
Hawkeye Community College

IowaWORKS Cedar Valley Staff

Michele Clark
Steven Schwickerath

Hawkeye Community College
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Michele Clark commenced the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Marsha Watters motioned the approval of the agenda for today's meeting. Nancy Kehoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of YAC Minutes

Marsha Watters motioned approval of meeting minutes from May 22, 2017. Nancy Kehoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Michele introduced Steven Schwickerath as our new WIOA Workforce Development Specialist for the Young Adult Program. Steven has been employed with Hawkeye Community College and previously worked at the Transition Center out on main campus providing services to Dislocated Workers. Previously Steven has worked with the Transitional Alliance Program and with the State of Iowa.

We are looking to having a new chair as Crystal Buzza is relocating out of the area and will no longer be able to serve in this position. Our Director, Chris Hannan, is planning on reaching out to her predecessor to see if this person would be willing to service on the RWIB and the Youth Standing Committee.

We are continuing to work on co enrollments with internal programs here at our office (Promise Jobs, GAP, DEI, Vets, and SPNEG). Our focus is working with disconnected out of school youth in placing them in experiential learning activities and providing training needed for employment. Our budget for this fiscal year is still being evaluated but it appears that there is money available to assist youth in Work Experience placements as well as educational training opportunities.

New Business

A request was made to have a tour of the Center allow with a brief overview of the process a customer would go through when becoming a member of Cedar Valley Iowa Works. Michele gave this tour today but since there were many members absent, this is something that will be done again when we have more in attendance.

Other Agency Updates

Nancy announced that summer school has been in session starting July 10th and will be completed on August 4th. She said that there were between 35-40 students signed up for this summer session and they had all previously started testing. Nancy told us that students are required to wait 90 days to retest if they failed a HiSET test also.

The new Metro Center is anticipated to be built by Fall 2018 so next summer there will be limited classes. It was brought up that there will be an onsite childcare center but there will be a cap on how many children could be served and it is thought to be around 70 children. The Early Childhood Development Program will also host students and classes there as well.

Nancy distributed new flyers for the High School Completion Program to the members. She explained that the program will now be moving to semester programming. The start dates for the Fall will be August 28th and the Spring semester will be starting January 29th. Registration week for the Fall classes will be held on August 14-17 and assessments will be held on August 21-24th with classes started on August 28th. Assessments are by appointment only during the week of August 21-24th too. Daytime classes will be offered Monday through Thursday from 9-12:50pm and evening courses will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-8:30pm. Ongoing registration will be offered for 2nd semester (Spring 2017) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-7pm.

Marsha announced that the first day of classes for the Waterloo Community Schools is Thursday, August 24th. She mentioned that there is a more relaxed dress code this year too.

Future meeting dates

The next Youth Standing Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017 at 4:00pm.

Adjournment

Nancy Kehoe motioned to adjourn the meeting and Marsha Watters seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.