

**Youth Standing Committee (YSC) Meeting
Region 1**

Minutes for Friday, January 19, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Keystone AEA, Elkader, Iowa

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Members Present: Fern Rissman, Ashley Goltz, Lisa Curtin, Courtney Adam, Kathy McCarthy, Keri Maas, Jeff Beneke, Brianne Farrey, Caprice Jones, Marla Loecke, and Ron Axtell.

Members Present via Conference Call: Gisella Aitken-Shadle, Gina Robinson

Members Absent:

David Boss, Jean Bossom, Amy Chicos, Amy Clemen, Steven Faulkner, Jeanne Helling, Wendy Mihm Herold, Don Keck, Mindy Meyers, Jamie Phipps, Temwa Phiri, Mike Smith, Patrick Taggart

Welcome/Introductions:

Fern welcomed all to the meeting, and introductions were made.

Discussion and Action

- **Consider Approval of Agenda** – Motion Beneke, seconded Robinson, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Youth Interagency Roundtable Sharing**
 - Gisella Aitken-Shadle, NICC, shared information regarding HSED. She discussed the change in class structure that was no longer drop-in and the class beginning July 1, 2017, had 14 students graduate in December. A new class started beginning January 2, 2018, ending May 2018. Between HSED and English Language Learners Class, 141 students are being served. They attend class 5 days each week, 9:00-12:15. Students must attend, but still work at their own pace. Numbers are better/retention rate is better compared to GED.
 - Gina Robinson, Promise Jobs had no update
 - Brianne Farrey, Job Corps, serving 5 counties. She is fairly new and did not have anything to share.
 - Caprice Jones, The Fountain of Youth Program, Dubuque. The Fountain of Youth Program provides life skills training for people 16-24 years of age to help them get ahead and change mindsets that contribute to generational poverty. Caprice discussed different elements of the program and that they were partnering with IowaWORKS and NICC.
 - Courtney Adam, NE Iowa Community Action Corp., working mostly with teen pregnancy, healthy decision-making, technology use (sexting). Have held workshops for parents of teens, offered contraceptives—depending on the school.
 - Jeff Beneke, Governor’s STEM Advisory Council. Serving 6 regions/16 counties. STEM Scale-up Program applications open January 22, for the 2018-19 year. STEM Festivals will be held in Calmar, April 12 and Dubuque, April 21, 2018.
 - Kathy McCarthy, Assistant Sector Coordinator, Keystone AEA. Kathy shared services that are available from Keystone through the Special Ed and Instructional Services divisions. Services are available free of charge for children birth to 21, parents and educators.
 - Keri Packer (Mass), Voc Rehab, Dubuque. Helping students in special education transition from graduation to work. Training includes job related soft skills, job shadowing, hygiene/grooming, transportation (bus routes, etc.)

- Marla Loecke, IWD, WIOA Title 3 Programs (Wagner Peyser). Discussed the Future Ready Iowa Program initiated by Governor Reynolds. She encouraged committee to check out the Future Ready Iowa website. Job coaches and students are using in high school to explore how to pay for school, find a job, building skills, etc.
- Lisa Curtain and Ashley Goltz, WIOA Title 1. Partnering with Voc Rehab for youth up to 24 year olds out of school preparing for the work world.
- Ron Axtell, ECIA, WIOA Title 1 (Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth). Ron discussed the history and changes from WIA to WIOA and the Youth Standing Committee. He also discussed how the money is divided for assisting youth etc. He mentioned funding available for transportation, childcare assistance, etc. available for youth eligibility. Characteristics would include dropout and/or low income.
- Fern Rissman, UERPC, WIOA Title 1 (Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth). Fern shared and discussed the handout Work-Based Learning Supports Future Ready Iowa. We need to educate school boards, youth, parents and sector boards about the help that is available in their own backyard. She also mentioned the committee should maybe be renamed the Youth Interagency Committee.

- **Review of Survey Results and Discuss Resource Mapping:**

The survey results were shared on screen and discussed in length. Would like to expand this information and develop an electronic version that would direct youth/parents/etc. to the appropriate agency for the help needed. May need to send out different survey as to who provides what services—not only employment, but also daycare, transportation, housing, etc. It was also discussed to invite anyone that you think would benefit the committee and getting information to youth. Do we want them on the committee or just as a resource? It was suggested that some groups could be guest speakers so the committee would learn what is available.

- **Workforce Region Realignment:**

Ron discussed the possible realignment of regions. This is in the beginning stages. More information possibly by April, could be implemented by July 2019.

Floor Items/Closure:

- **Electronic Meeting Options and Meeting Dates** – Discussion of the possibility of having ZOOM available for either video or call in followed. Penny will look into.
- The next meeting dates to be before the RWDB/CEO board meetings as follows:
 - Spring: **April 13, 2018** – in person (ZOOM available)
 - Summer: **July 20, 2018** – ZOOM only
 - Fall: **October 19, 2018** – in person (ZOOM available)
 - Winter: **January 18, 2019** – ZOOM only

Adjournment:

Motion Loecke, seconded Beneke, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:43.