

**REGION 7
YOUTH STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 26, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
Cedar Valley IowaWORKS
3420 University Avenue
Waterloo, IA**

Youth Advisory Council

Marsha Watters
Nancy Kehoe
Brooke Olsen
Nickole Dillard
Brian Sedgewick
Lewis Litzel

Representing

Waterloo Community Schools
Hawkeye Community College
Together for Youth
UNICUE-EOC
Dept of Juvenile Court Services
Vocational Rehabilitation

IowaWORKS Cedar Valley Staff

Michele Clark
Steven Schwickerath

Hawkeye Community College
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Michele Clark commenced the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Lewis Litzel motioned the approval of the agenda for today's meeting. Brooke Olsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of YAC Minutes

Nancy Kehoe motioned approval of meeting minutes from November 27, 2017. Brian Sedgewick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Our focus continues to be working with disconnected out of school youth through placing them in experiential learning activities and providing training needed for employment. Our budget for this fiscal year shows there is money available to assist youth in Work Experience placements. We are continuing to work on co enrollments with internal programs here at our office (Promise Jobs, GAP, DEI, Vets, and SPNEG). We are co enrolling with other programs to assist with educational training assistance as we currently have very limited funding remaining for training.

New Business

Michele shared with the committee that there is an upcoming meeting on Wednesday, April 4 to discuss the possibility of Summer Programming through the Mayor's Youth Initiative. She agreed to report back to the committee before the May 23rd meeting if there are deadlines and an application process that needs to be completed sooner.

Other Agency Updates

Marsha went in to detail regarding the various programs that are offered through Expo Alternative Learning Center and the Waterloo Schools. She said at Expo they included the Education Discipline Program & Grad Connect (only for seniors). Crossroads Connection is where students from Expo can take classes at the Crossroads Mall since this location may be easier for them to get to. The PBDA or Performance Based Diploma Academies is an online learning program for

core classes. There is also an After Hours Program for students to take accelerated online classes or for those with chronic attendance problems. This is offered on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:45-4:45pm. accelerated protocol that is now in place for this program too. Hospital Homebound is a program for both short term and long term program for students with medical issues that limit them from attending classes in school. In the middle schools, this is called medical homebound and it is also offered online as well. These programs are at least for students that need to be home for 3 weeks in length. Bridges is another program that is for 8th grade students that are filing classes in their primary school. This program is housed at Expo and is a combination of classes from 8th and 9th grades. Virtual School is a home schooling program where a student connects with a teacher in the school through Zoom, Skype, etc. This is for students grades K-12. Marsha also reported that Expo's academic quarter started today or tomorrow. Summer school will be starting on Monday, June 11 and will go through Friday, June 29th. Classes will run Monday through Friday from 8-12pm. Applications will be available in April and the deadline will be the middle of May. There will also be online classes offered on Wednesdays in July to these students that need to catch up. Students can get an application for summer school through their PBDA coordinator at East and West or through their counselor at Expo.

Nancy shared with us that the New Adult Center should be complete on August 5th with the staff moving in on August 18th. Classes will start on August 27th for the Fall semester. There will be no summer classes available but students can register on Tuesday or Thursday between 9-7pm at the current HCC Metro Center location through June 14th. Registration will be required for every new and current student that want to attend classes in August. Registration will resume again in July on the same days and times as were offered previously. The new Adult Center will offer a café, health clinic, and childcare center. The hours of operation will be between 7:45-8:30pm too. A new IT I-Best Program will be starting this Fall along with a Nurse Aide class offered at the new center. These classes are for ELL/HiSET students that want to get training in Information Technology and Nurse Aide. The CNC I Best is being offered now and will end in May. This class will be offered in the Spring 2019 again. Classes for High School completion will be ending on May 24th. Nancy shared the upcoming news of her retirement from Hawkeye Community College on June 29th. She said that her position will be advertised as well.

Nickole announced that TRio received a \$60 million increase with the passing of the Omnibus Bill. This is a 6% increase across the board with these programs. The Higher Education Act is being worked on now and this would include the Prosper Bill where 10% of Trio funding would be placed elsewhere. Agencies would be required to match donations under this act also.

The EOC/McNair Program for UNI students is serving 100 students with support services. EOC serves about 2000 students each year, 40-80 students are served through Upward Bound, and another 1200 through Talent Search.

Nickole shared that 4 students went to the Capital during the Wednesday of Spring Break to talk to the political officials. At this time there is no compensation for Trio but their budgets are set to be released 09/01/18.

Brooke told us that YPT or Young Parents Together continues to offer weekly support groups for pregnant and parenting youth for those 19 and younger. The group meets every Monday from 4:00-5:30pm at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Dolly's Taxi is helping with transportation for those who need rides to and from these meetings.

Brian discussed that the Department of Juvenile Court Services has a reentry grant for juveniles leaving Foster families and group facilities & the State Training School. They are partnering with other agencies to provide a youth centered and simplistic transition for these individuals by having Youth Transition Decision Meetings as a part of the component from admission to discharge. Ralph Allbee is with Youth Shelter Services and is the head of this grant supporting these YTD meetings.

Lewis reported that Project Search was targeting 12 new enrollments for the upcoming Fall. Eligible participants must have a current IEP or 504 plan to be considered for this program too. The deadline for these applications has passed

however. They are looking to have summer programming for TAP (Transition Alliance Program) students this summer from June 20,21, and 22 as well as June 24-29. These participants will go on 2 business tours and have a variety of guest speakers that will come to speak with them

Future meeting dates

The next Youth Standing Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018 at 4:00pm.

Adjournment

Marsha Watters motioned to adjourn the meeting and Lewis Litzel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.