

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

Minutes for Tuesday, October 16, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Conference Call

Keystone AEA, Elkader, Iowa

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Members Present via Conference Call: Fern Rissman, Lisa Curtin, Amy Chicos, Courtney Adam, Kathy McCarthy, Jeff Beneke, Brianne Farrey, Marla Loecke, David Boss, Kendra Schaapveld, and Ron Axtell.

Members Absent:

Caprice Jones, Hannah Steiber, Jean Bossom, Gina Robinson, Keri Maas, Jeanne Helling, Jamie Phipps, Patrick Taggart.

Discussion and Action

- **Consider Approval of Agenda** – Motion Beneke, seconded McCarthy, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

- **Youth Interagency Roundtable Sharing**
 - Ron Axtell, ECIA, WIOA Title 1 (Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth). Ron discussed the realignment process over the last several months. The Realignment Committee had sent their recommendations to the DOL and at last quarterly meeting they decided to table until their November meeting or perhaps January. Ron also discussed Interview Stream (<https://interviewstream.com/interviewstream-prep/>) that is a free program sponsored by Iowa Workforce. Clients with a webcam and microphone on their computer can go thru a mock interview and answer questions, then review their interview/have someone else review their interview to see what they could improve on. A username and password is needed. Also through IowaWorks, Career Ready 101 (<http://www.keytrain.com/careerready101.asp>), a program to explore careers, job skills, teamwork, customer services, workplace discipline. This program shared with counselors and teachers and is a good program to learn soft skills and work ethics. Beneke asked how the information was being shared. Axell mentioned through partner services, HS integration forums, Title 1/Title 2/Title 3 information given to counselors. Also mentioned was sharing thru Youth Career Connect Grant that ended Sept. 30th, however NICC is going to continue some of the services. Would really like to see the usage of the two programs increase to validate the purchase and all employers want workforce prep for students/youth.
 - Marla Loecke, IWD, WIOA Title 3 Programs (Wagner Peyser). Discussed registered apprenticeships. Three schools received additional grant money – one in West Delaware and two schools in Dubuque for Quality pre-apprenticeships.
 - Jeff Beneke, Governor's STEM Advisory Council. STEM Festivals will be held in Fayette at the UIU Rec Center, Thursday, October 18, 2018. The goals of the festival are to promote, inspire and engage youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities and to introduce children and parents to STEM careers in their local communities. There are 27 exhibitors scheduled for Fayette. Some exhibitors include HS Robotics, Oelwein Bank, Speedway, NICC, UW Platteville, Keystone AEA, PBS and others. The next STEM Festival is November 8, 2018, in Waterloo (Cedar Valley) and the Dubuque area STEM Festival is April 6, 2019, at Loras College. Jeff also discussed the reviewing STEM Best grants applications. Iowa BEST North including New

Hampton, Turkey Valley and Riceville; DelCo BEST, West Delaware; and also Oelwein. 4 out of 5 were new applicants and one was an expansion. Grantees will be announced October 25, 2018.

- Courtney Adam, NE Iowa Community Action Corp., Teen Pregnancy Prevention class has been scheduled in all school districts. Ron asked whom to contact in Delaware/Dubuque counties. Hillcrest would be the contact. Fern added that if teen is in need, IWD can assist with childcare if they meet low-income requirements.
- Brianne Farrey, Job Corps, serving 5 counties. Job Corps centers presently full with students. There is no waiting list as it takes about 2 months with the interview process.
- Kathy McCarthy, Assistant Sector Coordinator, Keystone AEA. Nothing new to share.
- Lisa Curtain and Amy Chicos, Title 1, WIOA, have been involved with. Voc Rehab planning meetings.
- Kendra Schaapveld, Promise Jobs, seeing a decline in testing, don't see the value in education, long-term goal to change the culture of poverty. Underage can make more money working at Fast Food than the time requirement to participate. Fern noted that is when the reg. apprenticeships work because they can learn as they earn.

Floor Items/Closure:

- The next meeting dates were discussed as follows:
 - Winter: **January 15, 2019** – video/conference call
 - Spring: **April 16, 2019** – in person mtg.
 - Summer: **July 16, 2019** – video/conference call

Adjournment:

Motion Axtell, seconded Loecke, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Penny Ingles
Keystone AEA