

**REGION 7  
YOUTH STANDING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, September 24, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.  
Cedar Valley IowaWORKS  
3420 University Avenue  
Waterloo, IA**

**Youth Advisory Council**

Lewis Litzel  
Jeff Frost  
Kochell Weber-Ricklefs  
Janna Umfleet  
Marsha Watters

**Representing**

Vocational Rehabilitation  
Waterloo Community Schools  
Iowa Department of the Blind  
VISTA Worker  
Waterloo Community Schools

**IowaWORKS Cedar Valley Staff**

Chris Hannan	Hawkeye Community College
Michele Clark	Hawkeye Community College
Steven Schwickerath	Hawkeye Community College

Michele Clark commenced the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

Chris Hannan motioned the approval of the agenda for today's meeting. Michele Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of YAC Minutes**

Chris Hannan motioned approval of meeting minutes from July 30, 2018. Lewis Litzel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Michele updated the committee on the current budget for this program year. There is \$68,759.00 available for experiential learning activities and \$25,000.00 in training dollars for possible assistance with educational related expenses.

**New Business**

Chris shared that there was a Construction Pre Apprenticeship grant awarded to Hawkeye Community College in the amount of \$10,000.00. This will be launching in the Spring 2019. He also distributed some flyers for Truckin With the Troops as Hawkeye Community College was given an expansion of funds to renew this program for 1 ½ years. The program offers CDL training to veterans and their family members at no cost to them. Chris mentioned that the Youth Build Grant application has been submitted and hopefully we will know if Hawkeye Community College was selected by December 2018.

**Other Agency Updates**

Lewis shared with us that October is National Disability Awareness month and on 10/25/18, there will be an event at Hawkeye Community College acknowledging this milestone.

Lewis told us that Project Search started August 23<sup>rd</sup> and they had 12 participants start but they are at 11 in program now. Next year they are planning to shoot for 13 participants instead of 12 since they need 12 students to complete the program. Lewis went on to explain the categories in which individuals are identified for Project Search. He said that participants are considered for the program if they are determined most significantly disabled by Vocational Rehabilitation, ideally Seniors in high school, and the Waterloo Community School students get first priority. This program is funded through Federal dollars and matched by the State of Iowa. Lewis also mentioned there are several new staff that are in the VR office now. Here are their names and the counties and/or schools they cover.

Svjetlana Jovic covers Grundy and Buchanan Counties

Katrina Webbeking covers Chickasaw, Butler, Black Hawk Counties

Genevieve Shafer covers Black Hawk county, HCC and UNI VR participants

Paul Fuller covers Waterloo West H.S. TAP and Cedar Falls H.S. TAP

Valerie Hillner covers Black Hawk County

Krista Monroe covers Bremer County

Diana Mount covers Fayette County

Lewis Litzel covers Waterloo East H.S. TAP, Waterloo Expo, Allen Hospital Project Search

Marsha Watters shared with us that this week is midterm for Waterloo Schools. The official enrollment count is next week and there is an official head count on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Parent teacher conferences are October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-7:30pm and October 25<sup>th</sup> from 12-8pm. She also told us that West High is having a FAFSA Ready Iowa night in December where they will be meeting with seniors. Talent Search and ICAN are partnering with the schools to provide sessions available to help with the FAFSA event. The goal is by 2020 to have 70% of those graduating seniors to have their FAFSA completed. Marsha mentioned that parents' income is needed for completing the FAFSA for anyone 24 or younger too.

Kochell Weber-Ricklefs will now be serving as the Co-Chair for the WIOA Youth Standing Committee as she and Joe Weigel have transitioned some of the territories they were covering. Kochell had been covering the Cedar Rapids territory and worked with the school transition program this summer.

Janna Umfleet is an Americorp Vista Staff that is working with the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership Board. Her Job is to meet the goals of the sector board and with getting new members.

#### Future meeting dates

The next Youth Standing Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2018 at 4:00pm.

#### Adjournment

Lewis Litzel motioned to adjourn the meeting and Marsha Watters seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.