

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

Youth Advisory Council

Lewis Litzel
Jeff Frost
James Fagg
Marsha Watters
Brooke Olsen

Representing

Vocational Rehabilitation
Waterloo Community Schools
Hawkeye Community College
Waterloo Community Schools
Young Parents Together

IowaWORKS Cedar Valley Staff

Michele Clark
Steven Schwickerath

Hawkeye Community College
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Jeff Frost commenced the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of YAC Minutes

Brooke Olsen motioned approval of meeting minutes from September 24, 2018. James Fagg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Michele updated the committee that we are expecting to hear whether or not we were selected to receive the Youth Build grant that we applied for earlier this year. We would receive this money in January 2019 and the programming would be expected to begin in March. There is approximately \$50,000.00 remaining for experiential learning activities that is available for use before 07/01/19.

New Business

Michele shared the upcoming meeting dates for 2019.

Other Agency Updates

Brooke updated on the Young Parents Together programming. She explained that this is a program for pregnant or parenting youth that are 19 years in age and younger. They meet on Mondays from 4-5:30pm at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. This group discusses pregnancy/parent related topics and learn about resources that are available to them in the community.

Brooke mentioned there is a program called PASS (Parents Achieving Success with Support) that is for parents that age out of YPT. The PASS Program meets at the YWCA on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 4:30-5:45pm.

Brooke distributed the What's Where for Teens handout to the committee members also.

Marsha Watters informed us that the Waterloo Schools will have their winter break from 12/24/18-01/02/19 with classes resuming on 01/03/19.

James Fagg shared with us the new name of the Hawkeye Community College Metro Center will be the Van G. Miller Adult Learning Center. The first day of classes will be 01/28/19 and the Spring registration will be held on 01/03-01/10. One of the changes that will occur is that English Language Learning classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings instead of Mondays and Thursdays. ELL classes will also be offered during the day Monday through Thursday as will the High School Completion Classes. Exceptional Persons has been awarded as the entity responsible for running the childcare center that is located within the center.

Lewis shared with us that there was a National Disability Employment Awareness event held in October and 3 employers were awarded for the recognition with their work with persons with disabilities. Project Search participants will be starting their 2nd rotation next week. Lewis explained that participants complete 3 rotations and they last between 8-10 weeks in length.

Lewis also told us that there will be a reverse job fair on February 13th for Transitional Alliance Program participants at both Waterloo West and Expo High School. He shared that those students working with Project Search are considered Level II or most significantly disabled. Project Search focuses on job searching and development. The goal is for at least 80% of participants to be working 16 hours per week within 3 months of graduation.

Future meeting dates

The next Youth Standing Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2018 at 4:00pm.

Adjournment

Lewis Litzel motioned to adjourn the meeting and Steven Schwickerath seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.