

**Youth Standing Committee  
Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2018  
Children & Families of Iowa conference room  
111 Ave. O West, Fort Dodge, IA**

Members present:

- Kyle Bangert – Workforce Board member – Region 5 & employer
- Tacey Arens – Voc-Rehab
- Abby Underberg, Coord. of Adult Literacy, Iowa Central
- Cassie Johnson – YEP Career Advisor
- Teresa Larson-White - Youth Employment Program (Title 1 Youth program)
- Kris Nerem-Lowery – Youth Empowerment Association, INC & Iowa Central Community College
- Ashlee Zimmerman – YEP career advisor
- Erin Habben – Fort Dodge Parks & Rec (Youth Serving Organization) & employer

Members Absent:

- Mary Kenny – TAP – (Fort Dodge Senior High)
- Kim Johnson – TAP – (Fort Dodge Senior High)

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Motion by Bangert, second by Arens to approve the agenda. Ayes carried. Motion by Bangert, second Arens to approve the minutes of July 26, 2018. Ayes carried.

**Introductions:** There were no new members to the committee

**Youth Program update**

1. Program stats –32 youth participants enrolled. 12 are in post program services and 20 are actively receiving services. Number of referrals are down despite efforts to recruit and make the public aware of the program
2. FY2018-19 Carryover and Budget Report– Larson-White reported the program received \$26,653 in carryover funds. 20% of these carryover funds must be used for Work Experience expenditures.
3. Work experience update: Currently have four youth participating in Work Experiences.

**Comments/updates from members:**

1. Nerem-Lowery updated the committee on the TRIO program at Iowa Central. Discussed requirements needed for a current open position.

2. Underburg reported the number of participants in HISET seems to be down. Discussion was held on how to recruit participants and how to get them into the classes sooner to avoid losing them along the way. Also discussed including YEP in the orientation so they could be referred to the youth program earlier as well.
3. Arens reported that Voc-Rehab will has a new Associate who started October 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Comments from Visitors:** None

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Children & Families of Iowa

**Action Item:** Replace youth participant who is no longer living in the area.

Motion to adjourn by Bangert, second by Arens. Ayes carried.

Meet adjourned at 4:15 p.m.