

**REGION 7
YOUTH STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 25, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.
Cedar Valley IowaWORKS
3420 University Avenue
Waterloo, IA**

Youth Advisory Council

Jeff Frost
Marsha Watters

Representing

Waterloo Community Schools
Waterloo Community Schools

IowaWORKS Cedar Valley Staff

Michele Clark
Steven Schwickerath

Hawkeye Community College
Hawkeye Community College

Jeff Frost commenced the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of YAC Minutes

Marsha Watters motioned approval of meeting minutes from November 26, 2018. Michele Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Michele updated the committee that Hawkeye Community College was not selected as a recipient for the Youth Build grant. There have been discussions regarding other funding possibilities to start a scaled down version of a Youth Build program. All the agencies that provided letters of support for the Youth Build Grant were contacted regarding possible commitment for this program. The responses were very favorable in moving forward with this opportunity. The plan is to apply for community grant money and other resources that could help fund and sustain this program until Hawkeye Community College could apply for another Youth Build grant in a few years.

There is still money available for experiential learning activities that remains for use before 07/01/19.

New Business

Michele shared the Hawkeye Community College has applied for a state DOT grant for a 2019 Urban Youth Corps program. The program's objectives are to provide transportation-related work projects and training opportunities to youth between the ages of 16 and 25 and to accomplish meaningful and productive improvements to transportation facilities. Priority will be given to projects that focus on youth who face barriers to employment. Our plan is to employ young adults in experiential learning activities at the Cedar Valley Arboretum where they can work on some transportation related work projects there.

Michele reminded the committee about the upcoming 3rd Annual Mayor's Summer Youth Hiring Events in the month of April. The dates and locations are as follows: April 11th at East High, April 18th at West High, and April 25th at the Waterloo Career Center. These events are open to any students in the surrounding area and not just for the Waterloo

School District. The event times at each location will be from 2:30-6:00pm and it is open to students that are 13-19 years of age.

The Expungement and Employment Barrier Clinic sponsored by Iowa Legal Aide and Cedar Valley Iowa WORKS will be held on March 28th from 3-7pm at Payne AME Church in Waterloo. Clinic applicants must be approved and scheduled by Iowa Legal Aide. There will be no exceptions or walk ins for this event. Registration must be completed by March 27 in order to attend.

Other Agency Updates

Marsha elected to wait until the May 20th meeting to provide an update since our attendance was low this afternoon.

Future meeting dates

The next Youth Standing Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019 at 4:00pm.

Adjournment

Marsha Watters motioned to adjourn the meeting and Michele Clark seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.