

Region 1
Youth Interagency Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Keystone AEA, Elkader, Iowa

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Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. Roll call was taken, and it was noted that a quorum was present.

Members Present: Ron Axtell, Lisa Curtin, and Kathy McCarthy.

Members present via Conference Call/Google: Jeff Beneke, Brianne Farrey, Marla Loecke, Gisella Aitken-Shadle, Jamie Phipps, and Steve Lieberherr

Members Absent:

Courtney Adam, Mary Ott, Caprice Jones, Hannah Steiber, Jean Bossom, Gina Robinson, Mindy Meyers, David Boss, Temwa Phiri, Patrick Taggert, Jeanne Helling, Kendra Schaapveld, Mike Smith, and Keri Maas.

Discussion and Action

- **Consider Approval of Agenda** – Motion McCarthy, seconded Benke, 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 shared with the committee that there have been several layoffs due to closings in the Dubuque area and Title 1 has reached or will be reaching out to those employees. Payless Shoes, Shopko (Dubuque & Dyersville), American Trust & Savings Bank is merging with MidWestOne Bank, Hillcrest Family Services Lawther Academy and Four Oaks school-based programming are moving to the Dubuque Community School District Alternative Learning Center. Youth workers will be impacted and could be eligible for services even if they are part-time.

Work-based learning - at least 20% of the WIOA Title I Youth Program funds must be spent on these activities. Out-of-school youth are a priority since at least 75% of the WIOA Title I Youth Program funds must be spent on that particular target group. They have one placement that began at the Fountain of Youth Program in Dubuque on 4/11 and another placement that is scheduled to start at the IowaWORKS office in Dubuque on 4/29.

In-school youth - 4 Dubuque Hempstead High School and 4 Dubuque Senior High School special education students will be participating in paid summer work experiences from 6/17 to 8/2 at Swiss Valley in Peosta. This is a collaboration between Dubuque Community Conservation, Dubuque Community Schools, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services/Transition Alliance Program, and IowaWORKS.

- Lisa Curtin UERPC, Title 1, WIOA. Lisa noted that they had closings with Shopko in the northern area as well; Oelwein, Cresco, Waukon and New Hampton. There were high school students working in all of those stores and they have already made contact with them. Quillin's in Postvill also closed the end of March, and they had info meeting with staff which included a couple of high school students.

In January, an out of school youth (18-24) filled a Non-certified nursing assistant internship. The nursing home hired her after she completed the CNA program.

- Gisella Aitken-Shadle, NICC, Title II Programs—37 grads district-wide. AmeriCorps is looking to hire youth in Dubuque and Calmar areas. 900 hrs./through end of November. High School diploma or equivalent is needed.
- Marla Loecke, IWD, WIOA Title 3 Programs (Wagner Peyser). Working on registered apprenticeships. She shared that she had attended the West Delaware Voc Rehab spring meeting. They have seniors exiting IEP and would be out of school youth eligible. They would like to get a better transition plan in place for some of the students as they have no future plans. Lisa Burgfeld was the contact. If the students do not continue with Voc Rehab, there is concern what they will do.
- Steve Lieberherr, Voc Rehab. He has been in position for 6 months or so and is still learning. They are working on the Summer Program and continuing to introduce students to resources. Working with partners for employment skills, etc.
- Jamie Phipps, Department of the Blind. There are 15 students enrolled in the summer program in Des Moines, training with job skills, etc. Trying to get students work experience/OJT before graduation.
- Jeff Beneke, Governor's STEM Advisory Council. STEM Festivals were held April 6, 2019, at Loras College, Dubuque, and April 11, 2019 in Cresco Fair Grounds. Approximately 850 people attended in Dubuque and 350 in Cresco – weather was a factor in attendance. April 30th STEM Summit will be held at the Event Center in Des Moines. Computer Science Awards will be announced at the Summit.
- Brianne Farrey shared that Job Corps in Ottumwa is still rated #1 in the nation. There are openings and both Ottumwa and Dennison locations. Ages 16-24, can get GED if needed, Certified in trade. Transportation assistance is available. Marla noted that a West Delaware student may be interested in Job Corps. Contact information to be shared.
- Kathy McCarthy, Keystone AEA. Supporting transition of youth, secondary transitions and Future Ready Iowa.

Other Business:

Ron suggested maybe presentations from different providers could be done at meetings. This would help all know what is available. All thought that would be good. Kathy volunteered to do presentation at fall meeting. Iowa Works will present at next meeting in July.

Floor Items/Closure:

- The next meeting dates were discussed as follows:
 - Summer: **July 9, 2019** – video/conference call. *This meeting was changed from 7/16 due to a schedule conflict.*

Adjournment:

Motion McCarthy, seconded Benke, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Penny Ingles
Keystone AEA