

## **Region 2 Youth Standing Committee Meeting**

**Date: Monday, March 25, 2019**

**Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Present: Brian Warner, Julie Kiger, Terri Ewers, Heather DeGroot, Amber Kratz, Melissa Cooper, Jane Nelson, Mistie Johnson, and Patti Hanson

### **1.0 Welcome**

### **2.0 Action Items to approve agenda and previous meeting minutes Dated December 10, 2019 (Will do minutes at next meeting)**

### **3.0 Realignment Update**

#### **3.1 Realignment Vote:**

February 18, 2019 State Board voted for 6 regions to go into effect January 1, 2020. The CEO's must establish new boards to reflect the changes and dissolve existing ones before that time. There are two separate processes for the appeal – one is on the Dept. Of Labor website and the other one through the Iowa Workforce. The appeal window is open for 20 days starting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Our CEO's are very much engaged and have submitted the pertinent documents required to the Governor to start the appeal process.

The reason for the realignment: Each region will have a "One Stop Operator" and a Board Support. These positions were supposed to be paid for by the 4 core partners, but Title 1 Programs of WIOA is paying for them.

#### **3.2 Plan Going Forward:**

How can we make people more aware of this info? Patti has talking points for the Legislators and whoever else needs to know. Patti will get these points out to everyone. We are also working with Legal Aid to get an Expungement Clinic. We are hoping to have that in the fall as there is a lot of pre-work to be done.

20 people will cost us \$8000.00. Meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.

### **4.0 Update from Partners:**

**Corrections/Jane Nelson**: Tech Grant is on hold because of the federal government shutdown, so haven't moved on that. There is a big change in the supervision system and it

will be uniform throughout the whole state. It is a 5 level system focusing on violent offenders...It offers increased services for them, like skill development etc...It's based on a study, which is what has created this. Hopefully it will drop case numbers down. They will still have drug court for those who are struggling. They also hired a few new people: Ben Wicks and Nolan Cooper. BG Clark will have a larger case load...

**WIPA/Mistie Johnson:** Nothing new...Still doing outreach to the community service providers to let them know who they are and what they do.

**VR/Brian Warner:** VR is fully staffed now for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since January. They are also gearing up for their big summer event June 11, and 12<sup>th</sup>... It is a Virtual Reality Seminar to help them pick a work experience and it's called "Future Fest". They want 40 students to attend. There will be 3D printers, Laser Cutters etc...They will also try to help them with meal etiquette. There will be a few speakers there as well. They are just finishing up the brochures and eligibility requires an IEP or a 504.

**NIACC/Terri Ewers:** Career Fair is April 10<sup>th</sup> and it filled up in 4 hours this year, plus there is quite a waiting list. They are also doing a virtual career fair called "over Time" and have had 24 sign up so far. Last year we had 550 attend the Career Fair and that didn't include the HS students because of bad weather. This year we are doing classroom visits at NIACC to get the word out and encourage attendance.

**NIVC/Amber Kratz:** Dancing for the Dream is coming up this Saturday at the Surf to raise funds for NIVC. The Transition Fair will be April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Area schools will bring their special Ed students to this event, it is revolved around games. There are different stations and they have to figure out how to delegate tasks etc...Heather and Angela will also be there with the A-Game program.

**PJ/Melissa Cooper:** They just went through another transition...They are all state employees now, there are 3...Mary and Melissa are now trained to teach "Work it out" which is about conflict resolution, making better choices, how you express or accept criticism. It's two full days of work and they have to attend it all to get their certificate. They have to be able to read and write as there is acting and speaking parts. They are also crossed trained to work with offenders as well.

## 5.0 Young Adult Program Update:

**Staff Change:** Heather Stubbe is no longer with NIACC and Title 1 WIOA. At this time there is not funding to re-hire her position. Currently we have 3 case managers...Julie Kiger, Heather DeGroot and Angela Backhaus. Kris continues being the Eligibility point of contact first and then participants are assigned to case managers for enrollment.

The counties have also been reassigned:

Franklin and Floyd: Julie Kiger

Mitchell and Worth: Angela Backhaus

Hancock and Winnebago: Heather DeGroot

Kris Dunn, Patti and Heather will be doing Griffin-Hammis Associates Supplemental Security Income and Work Training for the "Ticket to Work" program. Training will be on April 16, 17, and 18. Heather and Kris will also be attending the VCU training in Des Moines on April 22-26 to become Certified Incentive Work Incentive Coordinators upon successful completion, also for the "Ticket to Work" program.

Angela and Julie will be coordinating the Second Chances workshop perhaps to be held in May. It's possible that the Second Chances participants will need to be enrolled once we get our new software/data management system since a Title 1 person can only teach a workshop if a Title one participant is in attendance.

The next Youth Standing Committee meeting is May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

The next state board meeting is May 30th

**6.0 adjournment:** Adjourned at 3:00pm