

**Region 1**  
**Youth Interagency Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 15, 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 no quorum was present.

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

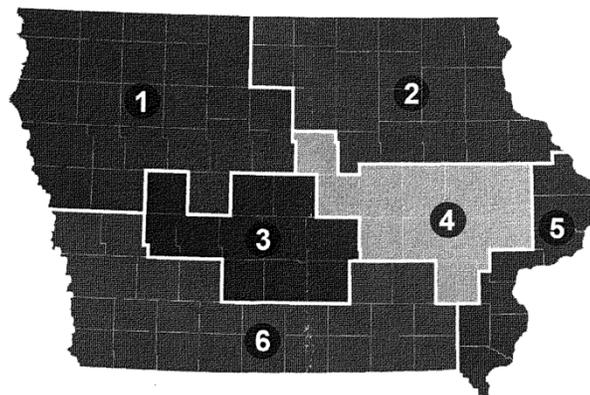
Members present via Conference Call/Google: Jeff Beneke, Patrick Taggert, and Kendra Schaapveld.

Members Absent: Courtney Adam, Brianne Farrey, Marla Loecke, Gisella Aitken-Shadle, Hannah Steiber, Mary Ott, Caprice Jones, Jean Bossom, Gina Robinson, David Boss, Temwa Phiri, Jeanne Helling, Mike Smith, Steve Lieberher, Jamie Phipps, and Keri Maas.

**Discussion and Action**

- **Consider Approval of Agenda** – Motion McCarthy, seconded Taggert, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
  
- **Youth Interagency Roundtable Sharing**
  - Ron Axtell, ECIA, WIOA Title 1, discussed the realignment of the regions into 6 regions and that it may affect the next meeting. Region 1 (Dubuque/Decorah) will be merging with Regions 2 (Waterloo) & 7 (Mason City). New CLEO (CEO) Board will be assembled by January 2020; new RWDB Board in February; and Title 1 RFP will be done April thru June. CEO Boards appealed to the DOL. No response yet. Beneke questioned how the decision was made to go from 15 regions to 6 regions. Ron explained the Realignment Committee chose regions by three criteria: Labor Market Areas, Economic Development Areas and Commuting Areas. The State says they are not closing any offices. See map below.

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- Lisa Curtin, UERPC, Title 1, WIOA. Lisa noted that they have been working on HS planning committee with Voc Rehab, and working on referrals.

- Jeff Beneke, Governor's STEM Advisory Council. STEM Festivals that are free and open to the public will be held October 24, 2019, Keystone AEA, Elkader--23 exhibitors offering hands-on experience. In the spring: March 24, 2020, at UNI, Cedar Falls; April 16, 2020, at University of Dubuque, Dubuque, and April 23, 2020, at Luther College, Decorah. The festivals have changed from Saturdays to weeknights.
- Kendra Schaapveld, Promise Jobs. Kendra noted that families were to be notified of a new FIP cards by October 14. This has been pushed back due to new vendor. Moving from Mastercard to Visa. Foods stamps are a different card.
- Patrick Taggart, Proteus. Pat shared there will be a Health Care Clinic at the Cresco Library, October 23, 2019, 12:00-7:00. Call 319-248-0178 for appointment. Also, the NFJP (National Farmworkers Jobs Program) is taking applications.
- Kathy McCarthy, Assistant Regional Administrator - Region 3, Keystone AEA. The Secondary Transition Team has been working on IEP outcomes. A new IEP system, Achieve Iowa, will be implemented next year. Voc Rehab will have district access and parents would have view only access. This will be a new practice. Agency-wide colleagues are working on Future Ready Iowa. Collaboration with Spec Ed and General Ed. Dept. of Ed, Kristin Lane, will be coming out with PD and different levels of support for Achieve.
- Keri Maas with IVRS was not able to attend the Youth Interagency Meeting, but she sent the following information to be shared: *IVRS provides transition services to high school students who are receiving special education under an IEP or 504 plan. IVRS can also provide transition services to those students who have been identified by the LEA as having a documented disability (whether it is a learning disability, mental health, or physical limitation). I cover Clayton County and provide transition services to Clayton Ridge High School (Guttenberg), Central High School (Elkader), MLF MarMac High School (Monona), Postville High School (Postville), and Iowa Virtual Academy--roughly 150 students total.*

*Transition services could include job exploration counseling, workplace readiness training, self-advocacy instruction, work-based learning, and counseling on opportunities.*

*Some examples of what I will be doing at some of my high schools: At Central High School I will be coordinating employer tours one day per month beginning in November for all IEP/504 students to participate. At Clayton Ridge High School, I will be coordinating an Employer Panel in November where 3-4 local employers will come in and speak with students on employer expectations, positions offered, what qualities they look for in an employee etc. I am also partnering with the Decorah IVRS office, Decorah IWD, and NICC (Calmar) in creating our 2020 Summer Camp program to take place this June.*

#### **Floor Items/Closure:**

- The next meeting date was discussed as follows:
  - Winter: **January 14, 2020** – Video/conference call.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Penny Ingles  
Keystone AEA