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Local Workforce Innovation Board of East Central Illinois Youth Committee

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Time: 3 pm
Place: Conference Room 1
Illinois workNet™ Center
1307 N. Mattis Av., Champaign, IL. 61821

Committee Chair: Dean Rose
Members Present: Gwen DuPree-Pryor, Kyle McKay, Gabriele Quijada, Dean Rose, Shawna Scherer, Rachel Simmons (proxy for Donna Kaufman)

Members Absent: Michael Bryant, Angele Thibodeaux Burns, Marc Changnon, Nick Elder, Jim Mayer, Tawanna Nickens

Staff Present: Lisa Knight, Linda McCoy

Others Present: Charlotte Durham, Catherine Grey, Kaitlyn Saathoff

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

Mr. Rose called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm and asked for self- introductions around the table.

II. Approval of the agenda

Ms. DuPree-Pryor motioned, seconded by Ms. Quijada, to approve the agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

III. Audience participation

Ms. DuPree-Pryor introduces Charlotte Durham, IDES Business Services Coordinator and part of a three person team working with employers to find qualified and skilled workers for their businesses. Ms. Durham shared an idea that came to mind during a recent Job Fair event she and Ms. Knight attended at Lincoln's Challenge in Rantoul. With a desire to do something for all youth seeking summer jobs, she asked for the committee's help in putting together a "youth job fair". Ms. DuPree-Pryor shared her intention to approach the One-Stop operators seeking support and collaboration among the on-site partners, making this a One-Stop event. Discussion ensued, including suggestions for contacts that would be instrumental to this project. More discussion was held later in the meeting under item VI- B.

At this time, Mr. Rose welcomed Ms. Catherine Grey, Coordinator of Prevention and Education at Rosecrance. Ms. Grey shared information about the Illinois Youth Survey, saying it is a state funded, bi-annual survey focusing on 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students. The survey measures student characteristics, drug prevalence and behaviors, interpersonal conflict, violence and delinquency, academic and school experiences, and mental, social and physical health. The survey is available to all eligible public and private schools in the state at no cost. Each participating school is eligible to receive a report specific to their own students' responses. These local reports provide critical information to school administrators, prevention professionals, and community members as they



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work to address substance abuse issues in their communities. Ms. Grey shared data regarding Champaign County 8th grade substance abuse and bullying victimization trends. She added, compiling data for high school students is an issue. She shared, the purpose of her appearance before the committee today is to enlist the

committee's help in recruiting Champaign County High Schools to participate in the survey. Of the 10 eligible High Schools in Champaign County, only 1 has chosen to participate. The data provided by that school cannot be used without compromising the confidentiality of the institution. Ms. Grey pointed out some of the common excuses the schools have used to justify their decision not to participate. She also noted, she is aware of and sensitive to, the chain of command within districts and has been hesitant to bypass onsite administrators by approaching the school boards directly. Discussion ensued involving ways to help. Ms. Scherer suggested committee members use their contacts at the schools to address the issue and make connections with Ms. Grey. She offered to contact administrators at Urbana District 116. She also encouraged Ms. Grey to absolutely work from the top down if necessary. Mr. McKay asked if the results of the survey include recommendations on addressing the issues identified. He suggested, and the committee agreed, recommendations would be helpful and may serve as an incentive. Ms. Knight added, another incentive is data from this survey aiding the schools in securing additional grant and funding opportunities. Summarizing, Ms. Grey offered, we need community champions to help make schools aware of the importance of the data this survey provides. Mr. Rose thanked Ms. Grey for a very interesting presentation and hoped she had made some helpful connections with those present. He welcomed her to stay through the meeting.

IV. Minutes

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Mr. Rose pointed out typos on page 2, section VII. Finding no other objections, and with the necessary corrections to be made, he asked for a motion to approve.

Ms. DuPree-Pryor motioned, seconded by Ms. Quijada to approve the August 14, 2018 Youth Committee Minutes. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

V. Action items

A. Approval of meeting schedule

Mr. Rose drew attention to a copy of the meeting schedule on page 4 of the packet. Ms. Knight apologized for the way the schedule printed, and offered to reprint and email to committee members. Brief discussion among committee members revealed no conflicts in the scheduled meeting dates. Ms. Knight commented, she is meeting with other WIOA youth oriented committees for collaboration and to broaden efforts to make a difference in this community. Mr. Rose asked for a motion.

Ms. DuPree-Pryor motioned, seconded by Ms. Scherer, to approve the Youth Committee meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. Upon vote, the schedule was approved unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. RFP Review Committee funding recommendations

Mr. Rose invited Ms. DuPree-Pryor to report on the Review Committee meeting on April 29, 2019. She gave a brief summary of the activities and deliberations during the meeting. She stressed the amount of weight she puts on the compliance piece of the provider responsibilities and complimented Ms. Knight on her monitoring reports. Ms. Knight reported, one new provider was funded, bringing the total to nine. Mr. Rose inquired, how the additional provider affects funding awards for the returning programs. Ms. Knight responded, additional funds are available and we can always request an increase in our allocation based on the growing number of providers. Mr. Rose then announced the recommendations will be presented at the Workforce Innovation Board meeting May 16, 2019 (tomorrow) for approval, and on to the Chief Elected Officials on May 17, 2019 for final approval. He



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then asked some of the providers present how things are going for their programs and if they have any comments on the funding recommendations. Mr. McKay, Ms. Simmons and Ms. Scherer all expressed gratitude for the funding, saying the WIOA program is a valuable component of their programs and has provided so many opportunities for their students that would not have otherwise been possible.

Ms. Scherer shared news that Carle will not partner with UAE in the CNA program after this year. Although a disappointing decision, she realizes Carle started their own med-tech training program 2 years ago, focused specifically on the type of skills needed to work in a hospital setting. She assured the CNA program will definitely continue and she is working with OSF Hospital and area nursing homes to build new partnerships. Ms. Knight is also helping to make new connections and already has ResCare lined up as a possible partner.

B. Youth Fair

Discussion continued regarding a possible venue for the previously discussed job fair. Ms. Scherer offered to check into the middle school gym at Urbana. Ms. Saathoff inquired about the age of participants. Mr. McKay suggested the Hilton Garden Inn and Mr. Rose suggested the Park District. The organizers are hoping to find a venue a no cost, so many places are not open for consideration. Ms. DuPree-Pryor suggested, Ms. Nickens may be able to secure a space at Parkland. Other suggestions included the Vineyard, Lincoln Square, and the Libraries. Ms. Quijada asked for a timeline. Ms. Durham shared, ideally, the first or second week of June, as she would like to begin contacting employers and getting the word out while students are still in school. Other contact suggestions included Carly McCrory (EDC) and Sheronda Smith-Williams (UAE).

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, He asked Ms. Grey if she would like to become a member of the committee, and she responded she would. Mr. Rose instructed the recording secretary to place Ms. Grey's appointment on the WIB agenda for July. He then entertained a motion to adjourn.

Ms. DuPree-Pryor motioned, seconded by Mr. McKay, to adjourn. Upon vote, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4: 06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McCoy
Recoding secretary

The next meeting of the Youth Committee will take place on August 13, 2019



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