

Region 2 Youth Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Monday May 13,2019

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Present: Melissa Cooper, Terri Ewers, Jordon Monahan, Shanda Hansen, Brian Pauly, Melinda McGregor, Mistie Johnson, Patti Hanson, Jane Nelson, Julie Kiger and Heather DeGroote.

1.0 Welcome

2.0 Action Items to approve agenda and previous meeting minutes dated December 10th, 2018 and March 25, 2019 – Motion to approve Dec. 10 2018 minutes made by Brian Pauley; seconded by Mistie Johnson. Unanimously approved... Motion to approve March 25, 2019 minutes – 1st revised note on corrections and took out “BG Clark will have a larger case load.” Motion to approve after the revision made by Melissa Cooper; Seconded by Mistie Johnson. Unanimously approved.

3.0 Youth Standing Committee change

3.1 Terry Ewers Retirement – Terry has worked for NIACC for 31 years and has been on the workforce board for many years. She was thanked for her service and a “Thank You” cookie was shared.

4.0 Realignment Update – We don’t know anything more from the state. Our CEO chair in Region 2, Cory Eberling, has filed an appeal for our region and has been a leader in the state. May 30, 2019 is the date that the state board will decide whether or not they’ll rescind their decision or not. Our board does not want to be included with Waterloo as they feel we will lose services to our rural areas. Amanda Regan and Sharon Steckman visited the AJC at the end of April.

5.0 Expungement Clinic Update – The clinic will be held Sept. 12, 2019 from 3pm to 7pm to expunge convictions on a person’s record that could possibly help them to obtain employment. The funding will be from NIACC with Workforce Development funds. They can service up to 40 people, but will not tap it if more come. May 20, 2019 there will be a meeting on how to refer people to the clinic and to get organized. We are partnering with friends of the Family for this clinic. The people going through the clinic will be taken through the entire process that they would need in order to get their record cleared...There will be several attorneys’ in attendance to guide them through the process. Regarding marketing, there will be a social medial blast, legal aid marketing and e-mails sent out to board members and some employers.

6.0 NIACC Career Fair Update – There are no definite numbers yet but there were over 700 who attended this year. We had both the High School students and NIACC students as well as the public. Even though the weather was a little uncooperative, there was a great turnover. The Careerfair received great reviews and the employer’s filled up within 3-4 hours with a waiting list of 50. We had great representation from all sectors. MCHS was there for the 1st time as well!

Some things that will need to be addressed next year:

- Employee’s leaving Early, and
- Solicitations going on during the event.

Next year’s date for the Careerfair is Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Possible location changes next year to the Multipurpose center for the location next year; it would enable us to accommodate more employers. However, that depends on the price and whether or not the construction will be done in time. Brian Pauly from City of MC said that he would do whatever he could to help keep the costs low and he said that they do expect the center to be open on time.

7.0 Partners

Department of Correction /Jane Nelson – Their grant is moving forward slowly. Waiting for funding for their new computer system. Right now they are

putting their main focus on the violent and intensive inmates and parolees. They are planning to have a menu of services for those in treatment offenders. There is a big push for all the prisons to release inmates right now so WIOA will be a good resource for them.

Business Service Reps/Melinda McGregor – GEO system coming June 3rd. Will be hard at 1st but will make things easier once we get everything updated. Better resumes and more variety, etc., but it will be very different for those who come in. They are still trying to fill Registered Apprenticeships.

WIIPA/Mistie Johnson - Doing a lot of traveling trying to get to 99 counties. They are picking up more on the Payee side of things. Going to a national conference soon.

City of Mason City/Brian Pauly – Downtown project is on time so far. It's a \$44-million-dollar project; which means the potential for numerous jobs will come from this. The expectation of their opening date is Dec. 1, 2019 with the office move in Nov. 2019. They are hitting all the goal date so far. They are building down town studio apartments and townhouses to help fill jobs for the downtown project. He said this should produce around 20-30 Part time jobs and 5-12 full time jobs. Brian also went with Mr. Thompson, a new John Adams Jr. Hi Teacher, and talked to over 400 8th graders about getting job ready...He touched on interview skills and resumes. Encouraging them to focus on their 1st job whether it be babysitting, landowning, shoveling, etc... Brian also mentioned that he is going to the federal level to fight outdated child labor laws.

PJ/Melissa Cooper – Nothing new for PJ

NIACC/Terry Ewers /Jordon Monahan– 1st summer session starts today. Next summer session starts June 10, 2019. Adult education ends May 24, 2019. Adult graduation is June 27, 2019 at 7pm. There will be 35 to 40 graduates. There were

several instructors that couldn't teach due to health issues etc...The Garner and Hampton centers were closed this time around. Classes start up again July 8, 2019...Mason City only.

WIOA Title 1/Patti Hanson – Young Adult budget lost \$22 thousand dollars for the next fiscal year. The total was \$46 thousand, across all programs. The budget allotted is based on LMI, UI rate and how many people are receiving Title 1 services among many other items that go into the formula. The formula is very complex. Title 1 programs have been cut approximately \$450 thousand dollars compared to 3 years ago!

Francis Lauer/Shanda Hanson --Francis Lauer has been very busy with lots of programs! They have an outpatient clinic and a children's mental health clinic. YSS might maintain programing and are on the hunt for mental health services.

9.0 Adjournment - Next meeting is August 12, 2019 at 2:00pm.