

Region 2 Youth Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, February 3, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1.0 Welcome

Hunter Callanan, Brian Pauly, Amber Kratz, Vickie Pralle, Julie Kiger, Leah O'Neil, Taylor Williams, Maddie Eilertson, Melinda McGregor, Brian Warner, Angela Backhaus, Heather McCleary, Patti Hanson, Mistie Johnson

2.0 Action Items to approve agenda and previous meeting minutes dated August 12, 2019

Motion for Agenda by Brian Pauly, second Amber Kratz, unanimously passed.

3.0 Board Changes

3.1 Hunter Callanan is replacing Terri Ewers as our chair.

3.2 Julie Dannen, Gayla Toebe – NIACC, Kelly Hanson, chair for Workforce Board (left Poet), Sis Greiman is vice chair

4.0 Realignment Update – December 20th the Department of Labor accepted the CEO's appeal. We are mandated to operate as 15 regions. Prior to the appeal being accepted, IWD was assisting the CEO's becoming compliant to WIOA continued to December 2020. Now that the appeal has gone through IWD is saying the board has to be complaint by July 1, 2020.

There was a meeting at ISAC on January 30th. The boards are tasked with becoming complaint. Fiscal Agent in place (Not provider), board support in place, an RFP out for provider, and a one stop operator by July 1st. There are still a lot of questions. Some regions are looking at sharing a board support person. There is no admin money for providers. We are hopeful that we can maintain the 7 counties we serve. Goodwill announced in Sioux City that they were planning on applying for the whole state to be a provider prior to the appeal being approved.

CEO board is tasked for coming up with an RFP and what services will look like. If they make it work for our region, looking at being co-cleas with Dubuque to help cut down the admin costs to open up some for each region to have admin dollars. NIACC matches our admin money currently with an in-kind match. The workforce board will decide who will be the provider. RES Care might apply for the whole state. There are still a lot of uncertainty, but hopefully will know more by the next meeting. Each region has to have a new fiscal agent and have an RFP by July 1st.

5.0 Young Adult Program Update

3.1 Staff Changes – Kris Dunn – left in November

Maddie Eilertson – Employment Training Specialist – September

Taylor Williams – Title 1 Director – December

3.2 Outreach Activities -

- 3.2.1 Discover Day – December 19th we provided 950 students 10-15 minute session**
- 3.2.2 Explore – October 23rd – Juniors explore different careers.**
- 3.2.3 Mason City Career Day – November 14th, provided 40 – 70 minute sessions with A-Game. Juniors took NCRC and Career Expo, sophomores took the O’Net and explored careers, Freshman – visited 2 businesses and NIACC. Visited the Multipurpose arena. Dean Snyder talked about NIACC and the Skills Trade explained different jobs in the construction company (sales, human resources, engineering, etc.)**
- 3.2.4 A-Game at MC Alternative – Angela presents twice a year, turning into potential work experiences, and post-secondary opportunities.**
- 3.2.5 Hampton School Career Fair – Speakers lined up such as Funeral Home mortician through MC CAN.**

3.3 Program Needs

- 3.3.1 Young Adult Referrals – Due to DW, we have not been able to do outreach to Young Adults. Desperate for referrals. Part of the youth funding needs to go towards Experiential Learning. We haven’t reached 5% yet this year. Looking for employers for WEPs, Internships, and OJTs as well. NIACC takes on liability (worker’s comp. etc.), we pay the youth wages. We have to meet that outcome or we won’t be able to apply for the Youth RFP, because we would not be successful.**
- 3.3.2 Employers willing to host WEP or Internship I-Jag Program at MCHS; Francis Lauer Youth Services; Youth for Christ – Paul St. Martin;**

3.4 Next meeting will be May 11th – 2:00 p.m.

5.1 Adjournment – Motion to adjourn, Brian Pauly, second Leah O’Neil, all approved.