**Region 1 Youth Interagency Conference Call/Zoom**

**Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)**

“**Workforce Partners – Helping Iowa Work”**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome/Introductions – Ron/Lisa**

Members Present: Lisa Curtin, Ron Axtell, Jamie Phipps, Amy Chicos, Kathy McCarthy, Jeff Beneke, Patrick Taggert, Diana Mount, Kendra Kleve

Members Absent: Gisella Aitken-Shadle, Marla Loecke, Jeanne Helling, Mary Ott, Keri Moss, Caprice Jones, Hannah Steiber, Gina Robinson, Kendra Schaapveld, Mike Smith, Michael Howell, Wendy Greenman

1. **Roll Call/Call for Quorum**

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. Roll call was taken and it was noted that a quorum was present.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

1. **Consider Approval of Agenda – Ron/Lisa**

Motion Jeff Beneke, seconded PatrickTaggert, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

1. **Iowa Workforce Region/Area Realignment – Ron**

State of Iowa has been looking at condensing from 15 regions to 9 local workforce development areas. Former Regions 1, 2 and 7 are combining to be the new Northeast Iowa Local Workforce Development area. Working to be compliant, created liability agreement and selected chief lead, developed bylaws, etc. and settled on new members. Sent in to state to review. No decision yet on fiscal agent. Once certified, will be issuing a request for proposals to determine who provider will be starting January. ECIA and Upper Explorerland will partner on an RFP but there may be others responding as well. Will be additional changes. Not sure how it will affect this YIC group or the DAC group. Anticipate this could be last meeting. More to come.

1. **Round Robin Updates - All Agencies**

**Ron Axtell – Title I: IowaWorks Update:** Working on becoming service provider for new area. No new enrollments. Will ramp up youth enrollments and work-based learning etc. if chosen as the service provider. On hold for now. Lisa reported on working with youth that are ready to get out for internships.

**Amy Chicos – Title IV: IVRS Update:** Decorah area – developing statewide virtual content. Going well. Meeting with schools for fall planning meetings and have gone to IET meetings. Meetings virtually, but students are responsive and services are being provided. Diana reported working on school plans and finding resources and online virtual options for activities. Ideas are welcome.

**Jamie Phipps – Title IV: Iowa Department of Blind Update:** Working to do things as normal as possible and service people through the pandemic. Looking to find areas across state for weekend training with students – one scheduled for beginning of November for Cedar Rapids to work on job seeking. Looking to do something in Dubuque.

**Jeff Beneke: Northeast Iowa STEM Council Update:** Nominations for Iowa Stem Teacher Award – award recipient will be announced January 21. Scale up apps will be out January 15. Stem Festivals are on hold due to pandemic – will evaluate again first part of next year. Perhaps will look to do something virtually, if needed.

**Patrick Taggert – Proteus Update:** Taking enrollments for job training programs. Received one-time funding to provide to migrant farm women (women working in farming or meat packing.) Funds can go toward rent, groceries, etc. If you know of anyone who could utilize this service, reach out to Patrick.

**Kathy McCarthy – Keystone AEA Update:** Transitions team is working with students to assure they have transitions in place across the state and to determine training needs. Have Future Ready Iowa initiative for college readiness for all students. Transition team, of about eight people, is made up of folks from across Keystone region.

1. **Other Business**

None

**FLOOR ITEMS/CLOSURE**

1. **Proposed Meeting Times/Dates – Ron/Lisa**

Normally would meet again in January, but Region 1 will be transitioning to Northeast Iowa LWDA effective January 1, 2021. Will send correspondence to this group regarding future of meetings. Thanks to everyone for their participation on this committee.

1. **Adjournment**

  Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Motion by Patrick Taggert to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kendra Kleve

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