

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2022**

Members	PY 21					
	7/13/2021	9/14/2021	11/9/2021	1/11/2022	3/8/2022	6/21/2022
Steve Snyder, Chair	X	Cancelled	X	Cancelled	X	X
Terri Simons	X		X		X	
Randy Vernon	X		X		-	X
Miranda Hutcheson			X		-	X
Kara Webb	X		X		X	X
Lisa Minier	X		X		X	X

Also in attendance: Deb Waymire, Chief Operations Officer; Mellisa Leaming, Director of Operations; and Tina Overlay-Hilt, Executive Assistant.

The Youth Committee meeting was held in person at Region 4 Workforce Board office and virtually via GoToMeeting conference call.

Call to Order:

Attendees were welcomed and the meeting called to order by Randy Vernon in the absence of Chair, Steve Snyder at 9:00 AM. A quorum of the membership was present to conduct business of the committee.

New Business:

WIOA Youth Performance Measures

Deb Waymire presented the PY 21 WIOA Youth Performance Measures for the period ending March 31, 2022. Region 4 had a very successful year serving youth exceeding all performance measures. To meet the performance measure, the region attained 90% of the negotiated goal which is acceptable by the USDOL. There are new goals for PY 22 and PY 23 starting July 1, 2022. Most of the State measures are higher than the current measures but we are awaiting regional measures. Region 4 served 307 youth using 5% of the State allocation for youth and served 8% of the total youth served throughout the State. The definition of the credential attainment will be sent to the committee.

WIOA Youth Funding for PY 22

The allocation for WIOA Youth for PY 22 starting July 1, 2022, is approximately \$97,000 less than PY 21. There will be a large carry-in of funds because of not expending as many funds during this past program year. The activity level was low because of Covid and staff turn-over. We will review the budget and youth projects with our service provider to look for the best ways to serve more out-of-school (OSY) youth.

WHIN Grant Final Report

Kara Webb provided a PowerPoint presentation final report on the WHIN Grant which ended on April 30, 2022. Partners of the grant were Region 4 Workforce Board, Greater Lafayette Commerce, Purdue University and INMac. The research report on the impact of the grant on the perception of manufacturing was previously shared with members. A video about Manufacturing Week was shared. <https://youtu.be/ccUJYujO3B0>. The goals set for the grant were exceeded. Deb Waymire appreciates the sustainability of Manufacturing Week, CoderDojos, and Robotics in Manufacturing Camps. New employers are getting involved and great relationships with partners are being built.

Greater Lafayette Commerce Indiana Dept of Education Grant 10-0-8

Greater Lafayette Commerce (GLC) received a \$4.9 million grant from the Indiana Department of Education (USDOE) to for 7th to 12th grade students in eight schools to earn micro-credentials and employability skills modules to introduce manufacturing and logistics in a virtual platform. The grant employability skill modules will meet the State requirements for students. The grant will be a good fit with the JAG program.

Great Lafayette Commerce has submitted a proposal for a secondary grant from IDOE for \$5 million to expand Grant 10-0-8 into more areas of Region 4 and to include healthcare. Franciscan, Unity, and IU Heath are on board for the next phase. The employability skills will be a mixture of skills for manufacturing and healthcare and the micro-credentials will be specific to the career pathway.

Greater Lafayette Career Academy Update

Miranda Hutcheson provided an update on the Greater Lafayette Career Academy. There has been significant growth in registration for the programs. There are 435 students registered for the next school year which is a 73% increase. School counselors helped identify students that manufacturing careers (TEAL -technology, engineering, automotive and logistics) would be a great fit for. There are 80 requests for CNA. Other programs seeing growth are EMS, criminal justice and culinary. Some new programs for this coming year are Entrepreneurship, Medical Assistant, Precision Agriculture, and Aviation Maintenance with Purdue University. GLCA is facing challenges hiring instructors for the programs.

Other Updates:

- Eighth grade students from Tippecanoe County schools attend a hands-on experience of the programs.
- There will be a re-alignment of all career pathways to focus on aligning to post-secondary dual credit industry service.

Growth due to increased social media, promotion of activities in the building, conversations with parents, community awareness and student word of mouth. The highest percentage of students coming from the area schools varies from year to year. Youth Committee will reach out to Miranda to host the September meeting.

Lisa Minier commented on the status in healthcare business sector. Staffing is the #1 concern. Ivy Tech is starting a CNA and HHA (Home Health Aid) class in which students will be dual licensed. BrightStar Care has their own home health aid class offering to pay for training and certification to start working for BrightStar.

Old Business

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Kara Webb

Second: Lisa Minier

Approved: unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Overley-Hilt

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Location – Lafayette – location TBD