



## Youth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

9:00am – 10:00am

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### Region 4 Youth Committee

Time	Topic	Presenter	Method/Documentation
9:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions Approve Meeting Minutes from 3/14/2023	Steve Snyder	<b>Approve/Disapprove</b>
9:10 AM	<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Out of School Youth</li><li>JAG program and school updates</li><li>Pre-apprenticeships (ABA grant)</li><li>StarPlus Energy (grant)</li></ul>	Mellisa Terri Deb Deb	
9:25 AM	<b>Old Business</b>		
10:00 AM	<b>Adjournment</b>	Steve Snyder	

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2023**

Members	PY 23					
	7/11/2023	9/12/2023	11/14/2023	1/9/2024	3/12/2024	5/7/2027
Steve Snyder, Chair	X					
Miranda Hutcheson	X					
Lisa Minier	X					
Terri Simons	X					
Randy Vernon	X					
Kara Webb	X					

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

The Youth Committee meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting conference call.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes from March 14, 2023, were approved as presented.

Motion to approve: Lisa Minier

Second: Randy Vernon

Approved: unanimously

**New Business:**

**Out of School Youth (OSY)**

Mellisa Leaming provided an update on the OSY program for PY 22-July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. OSY team is set following staff turnover. More OSY are using the services available such as training in demand occupations, internships, work experience, and on-the-job training. Walk-ins to the office are increasing since Covid. OSY team has increased outreach at community partner sites which has increased the engagement of youth. More youth are enrolled than in the past five years. Deb Waymire shared an OSY Success Story that will be forwarded to the Committee. Kara Webb would like to schedule a meeting to connect career advisors and OSY team members to help students transition and make connections post high school.

**Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Program and School Updates**

Terri Simons gave an update on JAG. We continue to have the multi-year program for juniors and seniors at Lafayette Jeff, McCutcheon, Twin Lakes, Kokomo, Logansport, and Peru High Schools with an alternative education program at Oakland Academy. During PY 22, there were 236 enrollments. Terri shared the anticipated enrollments for next year at each school. A new JAG Specialist will be hired for Twin Lakes High School. If funding allows, the JAG program may expand to Maconaquah High School in Miami County and Benton Central High School in Benton County for the fall of 2024. Kara would like to connect the Career Advisors

with the JAG Specialist. Kara, Terri, and Ethan Groff will arrange a meeting. Deb Waymire added it looks encouraging for additional funding to add the additional JAG programs.

### **Rural Healthcare Grant**

Deb Waymire reminded Committee members of the Rural Healthcare Grant funding available to help pay for training for certifications for individuals interested in direct patient care.

### **Pre-Apprenticeship - Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) Grant**

DWD was awarded the four-year Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) grant. Region 4 will be one of the regions receiving funding from the grant and part of the grant funds are for pre-apprenticeship programs and dual credit programs as part of a pre-apprenticeship. Gerry Vasquez is the Apprenticeship Coordinator for pre-apprenticeship. Region 4 has funding to support 43 pre-apprenticeships at \$500 each apprenticeship. Funding is available until May 15, 2026. A list of pre-apprenticeship programs will be sent to the Committee. Lafayette Career Academy currently has a carpenters union pre-apprenticeship program.

### **\*Action item – follow up with DWD for the Apprenticeship Map**

### **StarPlus Energy Grant**

Region 4 submitted a proposal for a USDOL funding opportunity to support training and new collaboration with the electric vehicle industry. The goal is to train 700 individuals to be successful at StarPlus Energy electric battery plant in Kokomo or in one of the tier one suppliers. It is a \$2 million, five-year grant to be awarded in October 2023. The grant will be able to serve youth over 17 years old and no longer enrolled in secondary school. Indiana is becoming very involved with the electric automotive industry with another EV battery plant to be built St Joesph County.

### **Old Business**

#### **Tippecanoe Building Trades Summer Camps**

Steve Snyder updated the Committee on the Tippecanoe Building Trades Summer Expo held in June. There is a challenge with sign-ups and turn out. Sign-ups were robust but the turnout was lacking with 25% of the sign-ups attending. Great participation from those attending. Contractors participated and offered jobs. It was a success.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjournment.

**Motion to adjourn:** Steve Snyder

**Second:** Kara Webb

**Action:** Unanimous approval

The meeting adjourned at 9:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Overley-Hilt

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