

**Region 4 Workforce Board-Youth Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 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	X				
Miranda Hutcheson	X	X				
Lisa Minier	X					
Terri Simons	X	X				
Randy Vernon	X	X				
Kara Webb	X	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 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 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 July 11, 2023, were approved as presented.

Motion to approve: Randy Vernon

Approved: unanimously

New Business:

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Expansion

Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) along with DWD will invest \$23 million over the next two years to expand the JAG program across Indiana. The priority consideration for the expansion is:

- Schools requesting the JAG Program
- Existing schools with the JAG program expanding within the school
- Schools with low graduation rate and high free and reduced lunch programs
- Expand to grade 9 and 10, along with grade 11 and 12.
- Pilot middle school sites
- College expansion with post-secondary schools

Region 4's goal is to keep the current seven high school JAG programs and add programs at Benton Central H.S. and Maconaquah H.S for 2024. Other possible high schools are North Montgomery H.S. and Northwestern H.S.

Youth Performance

The Youth Performance for PY 22 ending June 30, 2023, was presented to the Committee.

Region 4 met or exceeded all performance measures. There were 339 youth participants served including 120 Out-of-School participants.

Youth Budget for PY 23 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)

The WIOA Youth funding received for PY 23 is close to the amount received in PY 22., however the carry-in amount is less. We feel we will be able to continue to serve the same number of youths or more as in the previous year. In addition to the new JAG funding, it is beneficial to partner and leverage additional resources to support youth. Also, we have pre-apprenticeship funding available to use for students interested in apprenticeships.

Updates from Committee Members

- Miranda Hutcheson, Director of Greater Lafayette Career Academy – Enrollment is up 25% with 477 students. New programs have been added and other programs are overfilled. Staffing is a challenge but fully staff. Programs are dual credit earning 9-21 credit. There are pre-apprenticeship programs with carpenters, healthcare, and HVAC. It is a challenge to engage employers with employing students under the age of 18.
- Kara Webb, Greater Lafayette Commerce – Partnering with JAG students at McCutcheon, Logansport, Oakland, and Jeff for Career + program. Robotics and Manufacturing camp had 420 students participate. There are 2517 K-12 students registered for Manufacturing Week in October. Pre and post surveying is not continuing. Career + has 5000 students in micro-credentials. There is no word on the IDOE application submission for the Locally Created Pathway.
- Terri Simons, WorkOne – Excited about new staff. Two OSY staff have been hired along with a JAG specialist for Twin Lake H.S. and Oakland Academy and a sub-JAG Specialist.
- Steve Snyder, Local 157 Plumbers and Pipefitter – Worked to re-establish in Lafayette the Indiana Plan, a minority participation feeder system for Union construction trades. The first class is October 18th. Local 157 has 111 apprentices in the Class of 2024. A free 18 week/8hr a day accelerated welding course has started to develop apprentices with the needed skill set.

Take away: Schedule resource mapping with GLCA, GLC, CTE, WOWC, TAP and Ivy Tech.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Kara Webb

Second: Randy Vernon

Action: Unanimous approval

The meeting adjourned at 9:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Overley-Hilt

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Location – Lafayette – Region 4 Workforce Board office