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Region 1 Youth Committee Meeting
Raleigh County Workforce West Virginia Career Center
Beckley, West Virginia
Thursday, January 18, 2018

Attending

Alyce Almond, Division of Rehabilitation Services
Joe Brouse, New River Gorge Regional Development Authority
Sarita Rhonemus, Bluefield State College
Tia Welch, JobCorps

Not Attending

Hillary Bare, OS Student Representative
Robin Bartlett, Parent Representative
Rick Beckwith, Beckwith Lumber
Lin David, Southern Appalachian Labor School
Brett Dillon, United Mine Workers of America
Skip Jennings, Department of Health & Human Resources
Sherri Morgan, Raleigh County Schools
David Rogers, Mission WV
LaShanda Spence, FMRS
Tammy Toney, Adult Education

Guests

Sarah Sweatte, R1WDB
Tammie Lilly, ROSS IES
Jayme Arndt, ROSS IES
Kari Cutshaw, R1WDB
Portia Mullins, ROSS IES

Welcome – Kari Cutshaw

Kari Cutshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for being present at the meeting. She shared that the 3 recommendations for Youth Committee members were approved.

- Robyn Bartlett – Parent Representative – Mother of Career Connections In-School Youth
- Rick Beckwith – Business Contact – Beckwith Lumber
- Sherri Morgan – Transition Specialist – Raleigh County Schools

None of the new members were able to attend the meeting due to conflicting schedules for the day.

Call to Order – Tia Welch

Tia Welch called the meeting to order @ 1:07pm.

Approval of Minutes – Tia Welch

Tia wanted to make sure that the date for the previous meeting held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 was the same on the agenda, minutes, and records. She asked that Sarah Sweatte, Programs Assistant, make sure that those changes were made.

Tia asked for a motion to accept the minutes.

Motion: Joe Brouse

2nd: Alyce Almond

Minutes from Youth Committee meeting, Thursday, October 19th are approved.

Career Connections Program Overview – Tammie Lilly / Jayme Arndt

Jayme Arndt presented a slide show that she and a few Career Connections participants were able to work on and put together. The presentation presented information on the Career Connections staff and the most recent reports for the youth program. It also included the different pictures from workshops and events that the participants and the staff had participated in.

Jayme added that the slideshow is still a work in progress. Alyce asked about the students who help make the slideshow, and if they could use this presentation for projects in school, as it is their work. Jayme shared that most students don't have the need to use these presentations, but if it were to come up, they are more than welcome to use it.

Tammie shared that there is money in the budget to purchase an actual camera for videoing and pictures, to help the sound and picture quality. Helping the slideshow presentation appear more professional and well put together.

Discussion shifted to the "Reconnecting McDowell", and a video that was aired on the Today Show with a local teen from McDowell County. The project is still well underway and work is being done. Sarita gave a link to look at the video online.

Portia Mullins, Job Developer for the Career Connections program, was introduced to the committee. Portia spoke in brief about her role in the program. Tammie said that the program is thriving even more with the work that Portia is doing.

Tia asked if there are different programs that placements could be made of youth participants within companies to learn jobs/trades/skills that will help them in the future. There was discussion that followed concerning contacts in agencies and businesses, success of participants in existing Paid Work Experiences (PWEs), and what kind of follow-up with agencies takes place to ensure more youth can be placed.

Tammie explained that there is a lot of work out there, there are contacts in place, and Portia has been a great quantity in place for the program. Tammie also mentioned that Portia has the time to devote to these specific endeavors.

Comments/Other Business

Kari asked those present to update the committee on anything happening within their organizations.

Alyce Almond said that the disability awareness forum that was held at Tamarack in October was a great success. There will be another forum this year, so if anyone has any ideas for topics, discussions, or activities, she would be open for suggestions.

Alyce also shared that the Division of Rehabilitation Services was able to partner with Adult Education and Career Connections in getting things for Toys for Tots and Holiday Connections. Both of these events were very successful and she said her staff thoroughly enjoyed being a part of it.

Kari asked for the name of one of the speakers at the forum and suggested it to Tammie for One Stop operations. Alyce knew the speaker that she was speaking of and said that she would get the information to them.

Tia shared that Cornerstone Solutions is now Insights, and they are located in the Job Corps center. She said that Leslie Dean is still an outreach admissions counsellor. There should be further communication with Leslie to see if she is the contact for this particular area.

Alyce explained that DRS has new required updates and that she would be needing to contact someone at Job Corps to track specific information on youth that may be involved in the program. Tia said that the point of contact for the required information would be Camilla Neal.

No further discussion or comments at this time.

Tia asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Joe Brouse

2nd: Sarita Rhonemus

Meeting is adjourned at 2:37pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 19, 2018 @ 1pm

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____