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Region 1 Youth Committee Meeting

Raleigh County Workforce West Virginia Career Center
Beckley, West Virginia
Thursday, October 19, 2017

Attending

Alyce Almond, Division of Rehabilitation Services
Joe Brouse, New River Gorge Regional Development Authority
John David, Southern Appalachian Labor School
Brett Dillon, United Mine Workers of America
Skip Jennings, Department of Health & Human Resources
David Rogers, Mission WV
LaShanda Spence, FMRS
Tammy Toney, Adult Education
Tia Welch, JobCorps

Not Attending

Hillary Bare, OS Student Representative
Leslie Dean, JobCorps
Sarita Rhonemus, Bluefield State College

Guests

Sarah Sweatte, R1WDB
Tammie Lilly, ROSS IES
Jayme Arndt, ROSS IES
Kari Cutshaw, R1WDB
Angela Henson, R1WDB
Wade Coffindaffer, ROSS IES

Welcome – Angela Henson

Angie welcomed everyone to the meeting. She introduced Kari Cutshaw as the new Program – Youth Specific and One Stop Coordinator that has been hired by the Region 1 Workforce Development Board.

Call to Order – Tia Welch

Tia Welch called the meeting to order @ 1:05pm. She also asked that introductions be made.

Approval of Minutes – Tia Welch

Tia asked that those present look over the minutes from the previous board meeting, held July 20, 2017.

- Tia asked that the name be changed in the information given for the open houses at the JobCorps center.
- The date on the agenda for the meeting today, needed to be changed from 7.20.17 to 10.20.17 before being added into the record of minutes.

Tia asked for a motion to accept the minutes.

Motion: Joe Brouse

2nd: David Rogers

The minutes from Thursday, July 20, 2017 were approved.

Career Connections Program Overview – Tammie Lilly / Jayme Arndt

Tia asked Jayme Arndt to go over the Career Connections program overview.

Jayme tried to present a powerpoint that had been worked on by Career Connections staff and youth, but the projector was not fully operational. Joe Brouse asked if the presentation could be sent to the committee via email.

Tammie Lilly said that the powerpoint presentation would help with a visual aspect of the results that they present each month.

Jayme went over the performance measures and the most recent activity reports for the In-School and Out-of-School Youth.

Tammie shared that Career Connections will have a float in this year's Veteran's Day parade in downtown Beckley. She said this project was a huge group effort with the staff and youth, and others who offered assistance and/or photos for the float.

Holiday Connections is currently underway, in collaboration with Mission WV.

Alyce Almond said that the Division of Rehabilitation Services would be donating resources for Holiday Connections. Tammie thanked the representatives from Mission WV and DRS for their help and services. She also shared that if there is anything anyone would want to bring in this season, just drop it off at the front desk at the Workforce WV Career Center in Beckley with Information Specialist, Sandi Moore. Another thing that would be needed would be new/gently used clothing of all sizes. Blankets for those in the program are due by December 14th.

In collaboration with Mission WV, there will be another BIKISI course offered in Raleigh County and Greenbrier County.

Tia asked if Career Connections went to other places (businesses, civic groups, etc.) to advocate for blankets and resources for Holiday Connections. Tammie answered that they had in the past, but have not in the last few years, because the need was always met through partners and connections that were already established.

Comments/Other Business

Tia asked that those present to fill out the Conflict of Interest agreement. She asked that those be turned in to Sarah Sweatte before leaving the meeting.

She went over the recommendations for new Youth Committee members:

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

Tia asked for a motion to accept the list of recommendations for the new Youth Committee members.

Motion: Joe Brouse

2nd: John David

This motion is passed and will be presented to the other boards as well.

Alyce said that October is National Disability Employment Awareness month. The Disability Employment Awareness Forum will be held at the Tamarack in Beckley on October 26th. She said the event is free and she will send a flyer to anyone who is interested in the information.

Tia thanked Career Connections for bringing youth to visit JobCorps and going through the tour that they offer.

No other questions on comments at the time.

Tia asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Joe Brouse

2nd: LaShanda Spence

Meeting adjourned at 2:12pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2018 @ 1pm.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____