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## **Region 1 Youth Committee Meeting**

Raleigh County American Job Center  
Beckley, West Virginia  
Thursday, April 19, 2018

### **Attending**

Alyce Almond, Division of Rehabilitation Services  
Sarita Rhonemus, Bluefield State College  
Tia Welch, JobCorps  
Tammy Toney, Adult Education  
David Rogers, Mission WV

### **Not Attending**

Hillary Bare, OS Student Representative  
Robin Bartlett, Parent Representative  
Rick Beckwith, Beckwith Lumber  
John David, Southern Appalachian Labor School  
Brett Dillon, United Mine Workers of America  
Skip Jennings, Department of Health & Human Resources  
Sherri Morgan, Raleigh County Schools  
LaShanda Spence, FMRS  
Joe Brouse, New River Gorge Regional Development Authority

### **Guests**

Angie Henson, R1WDB  
Sarah Sweatte, R1WDB  
Tammie Lilly, ROSS IES  
Jayme Arndt, ROSS IES  
Kari Cutshaw, R1WDB  
Kathryn Saluth, SALS

### **Welcome – Kari Cutshaw, Youth/One Stop Coordinator**

Kari Cutshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting. Since the meeting was being conducted via conference call, she had everyone do a soundcheck and made sure everyone could hear each other.

### **Call to Order – Tia Welch, Chair**

Tia Welch called the meeting to order @ 1:02pm.

### **Recommendation for Continuation of Services**

Angie Henson said that there has been a lot of work taking place with Ross IES as the youth provider for Region 1. She stated that the quality of services that have been offered, as well as the partnering and outreach for the youth program, has been well above the expected criteria.

Tia asked that a motion be made to have Ross IES continue as the youth provider for Region 1.

Motion: David Rogers

2<sup>nd</sup>: Tammy Toney

None opposed. The recommendation for continuation of services for Ross IES as youth provider is accepted.

Tia thanked Ross for the job well done.

No further discussion at this time.

#### **Career Connections Program Updates – Tammie Lilly / Jayme Arndt**

Jayme Arndt presented the monthly numbers for In-School (IS) and Out-of-School (OS) participants served.

She shared that sometimes the enrolling process is slow, depending on the time of year and the events that surround it (graduations, breaks, etc.). She stated that enrollment would pick back up in the next couple of months. They have been working hard on enrollment in counties where the numbers are lowest, but the need is great for such services, such as in Monroe, Nicholas, and Wyoming counties.

Jayme also shared the number for the students that are participating in the Paid Work Experience (PWE) program. She drew attention to the packet, which provided details of the positions and placements of the youth.

The “Who Am I?” workshop was held last month. This workshop is designed to help the students figure out who they are in their own worlds and what they may want to do with their lives. She stated that so many youths are so used to doing nothing and having little to no expectations from others or for themselves. This workshop helps in a continual process of encouraging and enabling students and young adults to do better and be better for themselves and the world they live in.

Tia asked Jayme if the students ever come together for workshops or events that may be added to the calendar. Jayme shared that a variety of projects and presentations happen throughout the year, and that those in the program can be gathered together for such events multiple times in the program year.

Tammie Lilly asked Tia if JobCorps would like to present what they can offer youth and suggested that they participate in the Career Connections end of the year event. The day is filled with learning and most in the program will be in attendance. Tia thanked Tammie for the opportunity and said that JobCorps would enjoy the opportunity to be a part of that day. Tammie said that she would forward information with the details as they are established.

Tammie shared that Career Connections has partnered with Academy of Careers & Technology (ACT) in a beautification project. ACT has provided giant, hand-made planters that will be set up outside of each career center in Region 1. The youth in the Career Connections program will be in charge of the filling and upkeep of the planters. This is a wonderful partnering opportunity, as well as teaching the youth about care for the community.

#### **Comments / Other Business**

Tammie thanks the Region 1 Workforce Development Board (R1WDB) for allow the youth that were in the Pathfinders program to be transitioned to the Career Connections program. The youth have greatly benefited from the extra year of counseling, events, and workshops.

Tia shared that JobCorps is actively recruiting youth for their program. If anyone is interested or knows a youth that would benefit from their services, please contact JobCorps.

Tia asked if any other agency had any other additional comments or business to address.  
No further comment at the time.

Tia asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Tammy Toney

2<sup>nd</sup>: Alyce Almond

Meeting adjourned @ 1:23pm.

**Next Meeting: *Region 1 Annual Summit, Thursday, May 17, 2018 – 8:30am-12pm***

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_