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Region 1 Youth Committee Meeting

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

Attending

Joe Brouse, New River Gorge Regional Development Authority
David Rogers, Mission WV

Not Attending

Hillary Bare, OS Student 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
Alyce Almond, Division of Rehabilitation Services
Tammy Toney, Adult Education

Conference Call

Sarita Rhonemus, Bluefield State College

Guests

Angie Henson, R1WDB
Betty Bennett, R1WDB
Tammie Lilly, ROSS IES
Jayme Arndt, ROSS IES

Welcome – Angie Henson, Executive Director

Angie welcomed everyone to the meeting. She explained that at the last minute, we had a board member to call in absent, which resulted in not being able to meet quorum for meeting today. Tia Welch, Chair of the Board, has resigned and has gone on to new endeavors. Tia's position will be filled by next board meeting.

Call to Order – Joe Brouse, Vice Chair

Joe Brouse called the meeting to order @ 1:08pm.

Approval of Minutes

Joe Brouse stated since there were not enough members present to meet quorum the minutes would be emailed to board members to approve.

Youth Programmatic Updates - Angie Henson

Kari Cutshaw, Youth/One Stop coordinator resigned at the end of June. Kari's position will be replaced as soon as possible.

Angie stated that we had not yet received the award letter for funding for Program Year 2018. She had been in contact with them and they said she would be hearing something shortly. There may be a small decrease in funding but she will notify everyone as soon as letter or confirmation is received. Angie also informed everyone that we have the contract with Ross, IES., and it will be the same amount as last year.

Angie shared with everyone that Kari provided the Youth File Review and the attached Letter with Ross's Response was provided in today's packet. Those reviews will be twice a year.

A state Compliance Review was held last month and they reviewed files on financial, Youth Worker Services and Dislocated Workers. Their recommendations were to make sure to document services so that all things tie back together including ITA's. Tammie Lilly and Jayme Arndt will be attending a meeting with Support Services so that they make sure all services stay in compliance.

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 since the end of May, the (OS) participants have increased to 99, which the goal is 110 and they feel they will reach that very soon. They had 15 exits this month and will have a higher number at the end of September. All of those exits will be entering education and have been in the program with them since Pathfinders Program in 2016. Since participants, parents and advisors are expressing their sadness about leaving the program, they have assured them they will do follow-ups for a year.

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 Employers that they now have contracts with and the great employment opportunities that have turned into career jobs.

Tammie Lilly talked about various activities and skills that they like to make sure that the kids get to make well rounded individuals that lead them into employment opportunities. Tammie told about a workshop that will take place here at the Beckley Center on Friday involving 5 counties. The workshop will be teaching on Finances and Budgeting. The staff has had a lot of fun making fake monopoly money as part of the workshop for a store like setting so the kids can put into practice what they have learned about in the workshop. The OS program wants to focusing on stability and work towards the career ladder.

Joe Brouse commented on the impressive list of Employers and all the hard work that Ross, IES has done.

Comments / Other Business

Angie informed every one of the new location of the Pocahontas Center, that it was smaller in size, but staff will adjust. If that location doesn't work during the year changes will be made to find another location at this time next year.

Dave asked Tammie how asked how Webster County was doing and she answered that the center was doing great with good collaboration. She also stated Mercer County was needing a new frontline person and they were going to try a new approach by appointing a Selection Committee that would allow the partners to help in the interviewing process. Tammie said that the cameras are doing their job as far as documenting what is going on and are essential. Every department is wanting to view the footage and that can turn into a confidentiality problem.

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

Joe asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Dave Rogers

2nd: Sarita Rhonemus

Meeting adjourned @ 1:43pm.

Next Meeting: *Thursday, October 18, 2018*

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____