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## **Region 1 Youth Committee Meeting**

Raleigh County American Job Center  
Beckley, West Virginia  
Thursday, January 17, 2019

### **Attending**

Joe Brouse, New River Gorge Regional Development Authority  
Skip Jennings, Department of Health & Human Resources  
Alyce Almond, Division of Rehabilitation Services  
Tammy Toney, Adult Education  
John David, Southern Appalachian Labor School  
Brett Dillon, United Mine Workers of America  
Sherri Morgan, Raleigh County Schools  
Sarita Rhonemus, Bluefield State College

### **Guests**

Bridgit Arnold, R1WDB  
Betty Bennett, R1WDB  
Tammie Lilly, ROSS IES  
Robin Morgan, R1WDB  
Alexis Stewart, ROSS IES  
Representative with Southern Appalachian Labor School

### **Welcome - Robin Morgan**

Robin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Call to Order – Joe Brouse, Vice Chair**

Joe Brouse called the meeting to order @1:00pm.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Joe Brouse asked everyone to review the packet and read over the minutes. Joe then asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the minutes.

Motion to Approve: Tammy Toney

Second: Sarita Rhonemus

Minutes from November 1, 2018 meeting were approved.

### **Career Connections Program Updates – Tammie Lilly**

**“Not Us Movement”** – Ross has partnered with several churches to join in this movement with the youth and others taking a stand saying, “We are not going to be victims of the Opioid Crisis.” Today, the staff and youth participants joined others at the State Capitol taking that stand. They also placed 900 pairs of shoes on the Capitol steps representing those that died from the results of Opioids.

**Monthly Report** - Tammie presented the monthly numbers for In-School (IS) and Out-of-School (OS) participants served.

Tammie went over the handout in the packet and explained at this current time, they have 55 (IS) participants and 121 (OS) participants.

**Paid Work Experience** – Tammie stated that they had expended all of their Paid Work Experience (PWE) funds and have met the 20% overall budget requirements for Department of Labor. They also received a Special Project Grant from R1WDB and at this time, all monies have been obligated. They currently have a waiting list of participants wanting to go on a PWE.

**College Tours** – Participants are planning spring college tours to WVU in Morgantown and Marshall in Huntington.

**Day of Thanks** - On Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Ross offered a “Day of Thanks” for all of their participants at the Beckley Center for those to be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together. They had 20 youth to participate and to talk about what they were thankful for.

**Holiday Connections** - Career Connections delivered gifts to all of our active participants. The Greenbrier Resort donated 750 gifts in exchange for wrapping presents. They also partnered with Toys for Tots, Big Creek Team Center in McDowell County and Appalachia Project. Toys, blankets, hats, gloves, scarfs and personal hygiene products were provided to participants in need.

**Upcoming Youth Workshops** – Workshops are being planned at this time with businesses that will allow the participants to receive information on the business and the hiring process along with a guest speaker.

### **New Youth Committee Members**

#### **Recommendations:**

Debbie King, 501C3- Big Creek Teen Center  
Charlene Cook, Mullens Opportunity Council  
Rayna Guy, DRS – Parent Participant  
Holly Elkins, OS Youth

Motion to approve recommendations: John David

Second: Sarita Rhonemus

### **New Ownership of ROSS**

Tammie informed everyone that the new owners are Australian and all United States contracts will remain as is.

### **Comments / Other Business**

Tammie explained that she had asked John David, with SALS to bring brochures and flyers to explain the need they were experiencing. She recommended that other center members to make referrals.

John David then spoke about the program explaining they had 60 slots and 20 are filled. The participants are enrolled in education classes for GED along with Home Builders in Washington, DC., where they can get certified credentials for woodworking and construction.

John David left brochures, posters and applications for anyone that have an interested participant. Ross does have one person that would be a great fit for this program.

Joe asked if there was any other business, questions or comments at this time.

No further comment at the time.

Joe asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Alyce Almond

Second: Tammy Toney

Meeting adjourned @ 1:21pm.

**Next Meeting: *Thursday, April 18, 2019***

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

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

