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Region 1 Youth Committee Meeting

Raleigh County American Job Center
Beckley, West Virginia
Thursday, November 1, 2018

Conference Call

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

Guests

Bridgit Arnold, R1WDB
Betty Bennett, R1WDB
Tammie Lilly, ROSS IES
Kathryn South, Southern Appalachian Labor School Representative

Welcome

Tammie welcomed everyone to the meeting as the calls were received.

Call to Order – Joe Brouse, Vice Chair

Joe Brouse called the meeting to order @ 10:05am.

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: Alyce Almond

Minutes from July 19, 2018 meeting were approved.

Career Connections Program Updates – Tammie Lilly

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

She shared that since the end of October, the (OS) participants have increased to 95, which the goal is 110 and they feel they will reach that very soon. They have 49 (IS) participants at this time. The number seems low due to a positive report of participants meeting milestones, graduating high school, enrolling in college and gaining employment. This month staff is focusing on "What scares you?" (about your future-talking about goals, etc.) This will be on an individual and group setting. The November workshop will be on "What are you thankful for?"

October Exits – Tammie stated that they had 53 participants exit this month. Out of the 33 (IS) participants, 24 of those exits are positive exits that will be entering education and employment and 9 are neutral and undecided of their future at this time. Of the 20 (OS) participants 15 are positive and 5 are negative.

Recruitment/Enrollment Update – Tammie also shared that in October so far, they have enrolled 5 In School, 10 Out of School. They are expecting an increase on the monthly report for the over-all active caseload.

Paid Work Experience – Tammie stated that they have expended all of their Paid Work Experience (PWE) funds and have met the 20% overall budget requirements for Department of Labor. They also currently have a waiting list of participants wanting to go on a PWE. Since the start of the program year in July, their Job Developer has made 93 contacts with employers trying to develop PWE contracts.

College Tours – Participants toured WVU Tech in Beckley on October 16th and are planning spring college tours to WVU in Morgantown and Marshall in Huntington.

Career Fairs - The staff and participants have attended several Career Fairs in Raleigh County at the high schools and fairs at Valley College, WVU Tech and Valley College in Princeton.

Big Creek Team Center Partnership/Dream Tree for Kids – In order for Career Connections to receive gifts from The Greenbrier's Dream Tree for Kids they needed to partner with Big Creek Team Center in McDowell County. They are a 501 C3 Non-profit organization that gives all year to the community and those in need in that county. On December 6th, Career Connections will be packing up gifts and starting the delivery process for gifts to all of their active participants.

Day of Thanks - On Saturday, November 17th, Ross will be offering a "Day of Thanks" for all of their participants at the Beckley Center for those to be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving Meal together.

Holiday Connections - On December 6th, Career Connections will be packing up gifts and starting the delivery process for gifts to all of our active participants. The staff today is at The Greenbrier Resort wrapping presents in exchange for 750 gifts donated to them for the participants for Christmas.

Tammie also informed everyone that during the summer months they had an intern from Japan working with them, which was a great experience for both of them. While here, she designed a brochure, which Tammie will be sending to each member to look over, business cards and started a website on Facebook with scan codes. The Facebook page will be monitored daily.

There has been a drop of participants in centers due to the fact new computers were installed and a bigger firewall for protection was added that does not allow participants to play on computers. The staff has to actually login for the participants.

New Signage will be put up in all centers throughout the next few months.

Comments / Other Business

Kathryn South, Southern Appalachian Labor Service Representative, stated a billboard has been posted by the Crossroads Mall in Beckley and they are needing young people. Tammie suggested to go on the New Hiring Site and post.

Joe apologized for the mix-up at the last meeting and stated he has been very busy and at this time would like to withdraw from the active chair person position. He asked if anyone on the committee is interested please get in touch with Workforce Development Board so a new chair could be approved. Joe would like to stay on the committee and be involved but at this time is just too busy to give it the time it deserves to be the chair.

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: Skip Jennings

2nd: Tammy Toney

Meeting adjourned @ 1:43pm.

Next Meeting: *Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

