

# MINUTES



## Youth Committee Meeting

9/19/2023

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

### Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary McPhetridge<br>(Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Nelson  | <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Shearer -no       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Weber - excused                | <input type="checkbox"/> Patrice Carlson- excused | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Muse       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jake Wyrzykowski - no                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mic Isham - no           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Popovich |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheila Young -excused    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Gruhl        |
|   |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allyssa Headley |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Forsythe          |

### Guests/Staff:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mari Kay-Nabozny | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Rabska                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sara White – maybe?         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bella Potack-Rettler –<br>taking meeting minutes |

### 1) Welcome and Opening Meeting Business

- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call
- c) Public Meeting Notice : Meeting notice went out to regional Class A newspapers and regional library systems. In addition, meeting notices were posted on the Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board website and all social media outlets.
- d) Welcome and Introduction of Guests

### 2) Previous Meeting Minutes

- a) Review and Approve 5/16/2023 Meeting Minutes

Ed motioned, Brian Nelson second. Minutes approved.

### 3) Current NWWIB Data | Mari Kay-Nabozny

- a.) PY22 WIOA Youth Final Report | Mari Kay-Nabozny & Melissa Rabska

WIOA Performance Dashboard → Melissa gave a description and overview of how it works. Shared that there is more current data that is available than what was printed in agenda. Went over last contracted program year. Shared that the contract deficiency letter went to those who didn't meeting goals. New PY22 year, NWWIB will be going about new ways to ensure that contracted partners don't fail to meet their goals.

Amanda P. asked about qualifications for WIOA. Melissa and Mari shared the qualifications for this program.

Mary M. asked how long this program year will be. Mari shared that it's just starting and that NWWIB will have a better idea once Q1 is through.

Mary M. wants to know if not reaching goal hurts WIOA program. Mari shared that it doesn't hurt the program but that it doesn't look great when expenditures aren't fully spent/severely overspent.

Ed Gruhl asked if a person ages out of school if they would qualify for the program. Mari shared that yes, they would count (age range goes up to 24)

Amanda P. asked if there is any advertising and marketing happening for WIOA, might be a great place to start at IEP/agendas. Melissa answered with Mari about NWWIB trying to get in front of schools to talk to them about the WIOA program/.

Amanda P. shared a connection at CESA → Jennifer Ledin, Director Special Education & Inclusive Systems RSN Coordinator. Meets once a month with all the school directors for all of the school districts place for NWWIB to share information about youth programming, like WIOA.

Mary M. asked what NWWIB + CESA does/how do the programs interact and work. Mari shared that NWWIB, CESA and CEP are all working together. Mary M. followed up that she wasn't sure how to share info through Chamber. It was shared that Chamber is okay to share via e-blast with anybody, no matter the information. Amanda P. also shared that all schools must work with a consortium like CESA and districts choose who to work with.

#### **4) Youth Programming and Outreach Updates | All**

##### **a) Youth Apprenticeship Update | Jeff Muse/ Sara White**

Jeff shared that Sara has the most recent data for the CEP consortium with the local schools. CEP and CESA are both serving Bayfield school district. CEP goal is 72 students for youth apprenticeships. Jeff shared that there is change happening within the schools. Will be making brand new context. Will have a better report next meeting.

Jeff shared that WIOA funding wasn't released in April and that CEP is late with the funding.

Amanda shared that Olivia Dachel is a new staff member on her team.

Ed Gruhl had a question about what consortium oversaw Washburn. Ed Gruhl requests if he could have a list of all programs that Washburn students can apply for from CEP.

Jeff shared that they wrote in their grant that CESA would be working in their programming hard core. Wants CEP and CESA to join forces.

##### **b) Summer 2023 Youth Programming Outcomes and Enrollment Update | Jeff Muse**

Jeff shared that there are 20 Youth experiences happening this summer. The biggest group is in the Park Falls area. 87 students working with in-school youth programs. Shared that there are a few barriers that they are trying to overcome. Jeff shared that wages are a problem and are the main problem that is being discussed internally. It is part of the reasons why they are having issues at CEP.

c) Program Year 2023 planned and possible youth activities | Committee members

Mari shared about Roadtrip Nation with Youth Committee and outreach materials available for that.

## 5) Presentation: SPARK/Ignite/Youth Justice Innovations | Scott Griffiths'

a) Opportunities for Youth Engagement and WIOA funding/enrollments

Scott presented how SPARK was launched. For middle and high school aged students. The recreational program focused on building relations with young people. ARPA funding out school time grant. SPARK received a grant for a new program. 26 kids enrolled in Ignite. 3 core classes in morning and then picked up at lunch and project-based learning in the afternoons → building bikes, harvesting/native food focus, art community projects, peer mentorship + program building. SPARK first two-week projects, staff will pitch new projects → ex: online entrepreneurship, exploring trades, goal is that students will become self-directed. Lot of opportunity to partner with other businesses/programs who want to work with youth.

Mari asked Scott how we can bring all of the workforce development resource that is available to SPARK. Scott answered that SPARK is still getting their feet underneath them. Shared that the majority of students that they are working with are very disengaged and that making connections with partners is wanted but may take time/not guaranteed. Shared that the best way is to send project ideas to Scott and then go from there. SPARK works hard to let students pick and self-direct their projects (Best project timelines: few days – few weeks)

Brian Nelson shared with Scott that there will be an Ashland High School Career Fair Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>

## 6) Updates on Youth Related Items

a) Youth Committee – Price County appointment | Mari Kay-Nabozny

Mari shared that Jake W. and Mic Isham will be removed from the committee. Shared that Scott Shultz put an application in to be put onto the Youth Committee.

b) Regional Career Pathways update | Melissa Rabska

Melissa shared that NWWIB hasn't really done anything yet with Regional Career Pathways. Will be a meeting soon.

Amanda shared that schools in the area are doing meetings. Series where they will be looking at lots of workforce development data, outcome data, student interest data, etc. After analyzing will assess if the right pathways are being offered in the region for youth.

## 7) Comments and Announcements | Committee Members

Brian Nelson shared that they are looking for workers for Iron Workers.

Ed Gruhl requested that Youth Committee put together a database in Lexical Data Base.

## 8) Adjourn

a) Next Meeting Date: 1/16/2024