

Minutes



Youth Committee Meeting

May 18th, 2021

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Attendees:

X Mary McPhetridge (Chair)	X Brian Nelson	<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Shearer-exc
<input type="checkbox"/> LeRoy Forslund-exc	X Patrice Carlson	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike BeBeau-exc
X Melissa Weber	X Mic Isham	X Jeff Muse
X Shannon Stade	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheila Young-exc	<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Nelson-exc

Guests:

X Ryce Davis	X Melissa Rabska	X Sarah White
X Mari Kay-Nabozny	X Scott Schultz	X Travis Patterson
X Mathew Filipek	X Sue Stephens	

Primary Meeting Objectives: Discuss current youth enrollment challenges and review CEP enrollment goals. Address any corrective actions necessary for Youth enrollment and expenditures. Decide on DOL 50/50 Waiver.

2:30 – 2:35

1) Welcome and Opening Meeting Business

- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call
- c) Public Meeting Notice

The public meeting notice was published to all NWWIB social media avenues, posted on the website and sent to the public library systems for posting.

- d) Welcome and Introduction of Guests
Mari introduced the new hires to the NWWIB. Ryce Davis, Program Assistant; Dawn Knapp, COW Grant Coordinator; and Matthew Filipek, COVID-19 Call Center Representative.

2) Previous Meeting Minutes

Review and Approve 3.4.21 Meeting Minutes- Motion Mic Isham seconded by Patrice Carlson motion passes unanimously.

3) Current NWWIB Initiatives

- a) Industry Cohorts | Mari Kay-Nabozny
 - i) **Childcare**

Childcare classes are taking place at WITC in Ashland, WI. Students are able to take courses Online and in campus. Five Individuals are currently enrolled. Three to four more will be enrolled next week. Childcare will wrap up at the end of July.

- ii) **Machine Tool**

The machine tool course was canceled due to lack of participants.

Scott had distribute flyer's in grocery bags; advertised via social media outlets but the current challenges with getting interest in training made it so the course was canceled.

iii) Sawyer County Re-entry-

On Tuesday Scott met with ELCO and presented the re-entry program in hopes of receiving money for Culinary Academy. The Culinary Academy will be for current or past inmates. The hope is to have the class be virtual and in person.

b) Youth Enrollment and Expenditures | Mari Kay-Nabozny

These charts are the ones presented to the Youth Committee. On the chart there is money labeled in blue, that money needs to be spent as soon as June 2021. According to the charts DWD sent out, the target goal of 20% would not be met for the second year in a row. Youth will have to increase the expenditures based on WIFLI numbers. 2021 will also be bringing in more money for Youth. The discussion concluded that measures will be taking place to spend Youth money.

i) Summer 2021 Youth Camp Update| Jeff Muse-

The decision was made to not go forward with Youth camp this year due to difficulty of hiring camp staff. There is an opportunity to focus on Youth Experience where multiple inquiries have already occurred. Work experience sites will be enhanced with presentations and outreach. Sue Stevens acknowledged that because there is not going to be a Youth camp Travis's and Sara's wages will go towards the 20% of spending.

c) Ideas for Youth Engagement| Committee Members

There was discussion about the Youth engagement goals and if there is any missed opportunity. Once the Job Centers opens up there will have to be a plan in place.

Mari spoke about the idea of doing a grant like the one Brian is currently doing in Minnesota.

Brain stated that the grant was given to the Duluth board and has until next June to get the program up and running. MN Department of Transportation gave out a grant to collaborate with the trades to develop a training program for minorities. Operating Engineers are in use as well.

Mari made the point that if they can do it in Duluth, MN that means that there will be interest on the WI side.

Travis made the statement if the money is not being spent; there are benefits of looking to other organizations, who might have good ideas.

The discussion went on to make sure that the programs are being advertised properly as well as having a program set up between NWWIB and CEP.

4) Quarter II Out of School Youth Report| Mari Kay-Nabozny

The quarter report is the one that the CEP staff put together through the end of march and was submitted April 26th. The general idea is that there are five new enrollments.

Currently there is a CEP class running. CEP tried for Soft Tech classes but the course was too expensive. Contact Sue Stephens with any questions.

5) Presentation on Youth Apprenticeship | Travis Patterson

There are 24 enrollments in the Youth Apprenticeship currently.

Two new schools were added; Washburn and Hurley. The process of enrolling students for one or two years has started.

Now hours for class and work experiences can be logged starting the beginning of June.

Travis discussed that they are trying to figure out how to continue to engage new schools who are interested. Currently Hospitality, Construction and AG are all popular for our area.

Sara noted that the persons that were able to work this year were hitting their hours a earlier than normal due to Online classes.

6) Comments and Announcements | Committee Members

Mic had a meeting with the presidents over the budget to see if more money could be obtained. There is a program called Climate Core that resembles the CC grant previously funded by DWD. He also noted that all offices would be open on the following Tuesday.

Melissa discussed how WITC had graduations last Friday. Also mid-June everyone is returning to office. Melissa also noted that starting August 2nd, 2021 WITC will have a name change to Northwood Technical College follow the link for more information. <https://www.witc.edu/about-witc/news-and-publications/new-college-name-and-logo-revealed>.

Shannon spoke about business being very busy and challenging. She also mentioned that everyone will be fully returning to site after the first of June.

Mary is getting ready for the Chick-uamegon wine tasting on Thursday night. She also mentioned that they are short staffed and are looking to hire.

Jeff noted that all CEP centers will be opening their doors in June.

Mari discussed about having all committee members on the next Youth call is important and if there is anyone interested in being part of the committee

please have them reach out to her.

3:45 pm

7) Adjourn

- a) Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2021- Mary adjourn
Mic second