

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.
OF
MAHONING AND COLUMBIANA COUNTIES**

Youth Committee Meeting
June 6, 2019
3:00pm
IBEW Local 64 Office

Committee Members Present: April Brinker, Jim Burgham, Ed Emerick, Kyle Kiraly, and Sharon Woodberry.
Committee Members Absent: Marcy Angelo, Roger Beltz, Joe Caruso, Michelle Fitzsimmons, and Jason Whitehead.
Board Staff: Bert Cene and Sharlene Senediak.
CCMEP Lead Agency Staff: Susie Aikens, Tonya Hawkins, Mary Ann Kochalko, and Leigh Samargia-Pflug.

Jim Burgham, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm after verification of a quorum, and introductions took place.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion: To approve the consent agenda items as prepared.
Motion made by: Ed Emerick
Seconded by: Kyle Kiraly
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

Membership Update

WDB member April Brinker, from Columbiana Area Chamber of Commerce, is interested in joining the Youth Committee.

Motion: To approve April Brinker as a member of the Youth Committee.
Motion made by: Kyle Kiraly
Seconded by: Ed Emerick
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

Modification of Youth Contracts

Youth contract modifications for Compass and The Counseling Center were provided for review. The Board policy regarding work experience was recently reviewed, and the Executive Committee approved a revision to the policy which increases the wage from \$9 per hour to \$10 per hour. Compass and The Counseling Center are the contracted service providers that administer the work experience under CCMEP. The contract modifications will reflect the increase from \$9 per hour to \$10 per hour. For Compass, with the administrative cost, total cost will go from \$11.05 per hour to \$12.28 per hour; for The Counseling Center, it will go from \$11.33 per hour to \$12.57 per hour. The proposed effective date for both modifications is June 1, 2019.

Motion: To recommend to the Workforce Development Board to accept the modifications to the current youth service contracts as prepared and presented.
Motion made by: Ed Emerick
Seconded by: Kyle Kiraly
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

Review of Required 14 Elements in Area 17

The matrix of the 14 youth elements in Area 17 has been updated. The matrix will also be reformatted to be more user-friendly, and will be emailed to committee members and staff when it has been reformatted.

Status of CCMEP and County Updates

The CCMEP activity report from July 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019 was reviewed. Although referrals have decreased, more participants are completing an IOP. The number of participants in work experience will be higher during the summer months since they will be out of school. The attainment of high school diploma and completed post-secondary numbers are also expected to increase. 59 participants have been placed in unsubsidized employment. Additional success stories were also shared.

Since most participants have little or no work experience, many job placements are in retail or call center positions. Efforts are being made to direct participants to trades and manufacturing, as well as nursing and IT careers.

Employers in any industry can become a work site for the work experience program. This would allow participants to gain exposure to the various career paths available.

Outreach to recruit out-of-school youth (18-24 years-old) has been the primary focus. Information is being shared with other agencies to spread the word about CCMEP and the benefits of the program. For Mahoning County, the suggestion was made to present information at a future city council meeting.

Other Business

No other business to report.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.