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Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB)
Youth Employment Committee Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023 – 11:30 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The LWDB Youth Employment Committee assembled via ZOOM. Staff member Amanda Duncan called the meeting to order and co-chair Amy Williams joined the meeting soon after.

2. Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Performance Report-Youth Program

An update on performance for the WIOA Youth Program for Program Year 2022 (PY22) was provided. PY22 began on July 1, 2022 and ends June 30th; reporting is not final until the end of August. Overall, performance is looking very good and the WIOA Youth program is exceeding all of the goals for all five of their performance measures. Statewide, three of the goals are being exceeded and not meeting the sanction level for credential attainment and measurable skills gain. Measurable Skills Gain is not currently a concern as there is a large amount of data to be collected and entered. If the State does not meet this goal, it would be the first time and a corrective action plan would be created and would mostly likely just affect the local areas that are not meeting the goals.

Report was received and filed.

3. Work-Based Learning (WBL) Project Update

A report on WBL outcomes from the project to date was provided. The WBL project is a contract awarded to the five local workforce areas by the state and is in its third year. This is the first year that the program has received direct funding from the State of Kansas budget. The program has expanded to all school districts in the state. The report included data on student participation and the schools, school districts and businesses engaged in WBL activities statewide. The report also included the number of students in each of the 16 Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) recognized career paths and those that have participated in the different types of WBL experiences. Also reported are the types of engagement such as job fairs, classroom encounters, career mentoring, job shadowing, mock interviews, facility tours, internships. A report on 4th quarter data will be presented at the next committee meeting. Local Area IV makes up about 25% of the reported activity in 27 high schools with a number of community partners. The WBL program in partnership with the Kansas Department of Commerce (KDC) will be continued as a source of direct allocation from the state. This year, \$714,000 was allocated and divided amongst the five local areas. Due to some carryover funding from another local area, next year there will be \$851,000 divided amongst the five areas. For this area, the funds pay for two staff, tours, job fairs, supplies, software as well as some career exploration for middle school students, etc. These funds provide for flexibility in how they are spent above WIOA funding. Reporting of outcomes will be presented to KDC and most likely shared with state legislators in order to demonstrate how the funds are spent and the impact that the program has for students to show why the program should continue to be funded. Amy Williams asked if the aviation pathway was included in the manufacturing category on the report. Duncan confirmed and explained that these pathways are broken down into sub programs, which can be viewed on the KSDE website. A link to this breakdown on the KSDE website will be sent to Committee members after the meeting.

Report was received and filed.

4. 2023 Youth Employment Project (YEP) and Camp HYPE Update

Helping Youth Prepare for Employment (HYPE) career camps are in full swing and in their second week for this summer. Duncan shared a current report of YEP outcomes that was not included in the meeting packet. The camps include trade skills, Textron Aviation, healthcare, Spirit AeroSystems, technology and new this year are financial services and public safety with the Wichita Crime Commission. A McConnell Air Force Base camp was also added this year; youth of military

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connected individuals can attend the camp. Participation for the camps has increased from previous years. There are also students that have begun company sponsored positions with Textron Aviation, Integra Technologies, Spirit AeroSystems and Cox Machine. For the first time, Spirit has provided students with an opportunity to earn an academic credit at WSU Tech at no cost to the student.

Report was received and filed.

5. Roadtrip Nation (RTN) – Leveraging WIOA and WBL

An update on the RTN project was provided. The PBS documentary will air nationally sometime this fall; and will be a two part series. Some clips from the documentary have been released. Components can be broken down for teachers to use in different segments. Staff are planning a watch party with funders, partners, roadtrippers and individuals that were interviewed. Committee members will be invited as soon as a date for the event is determined. Watch party kits are being developed for use by the 27 high schools and community partners that staff work with so that after the documentary is viewed discussion can be had regarding opportunities and can then be tied back to using the RTN Community Hub.

Report was received and filed.

6. Consent Agenda

Minutes from the February 21, 2022 meeting, an update on the current PY22 budget and the pending PY23 budget for the youth program was presented to the Committee for review and/or approval. There is a slight decrease in WIOA funding for this next year, which was anticipated.

Debbie Kennedy (Alana McNary) moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was adopted.

7. Partner Updates

- WSU Tech will host 45 attendees at its Girls Rock Science Camp at NCAT, which introduces late elementary to middle school age girls to non-traditional careers with hands-on experiential learning. WSU Tech is also partnering with USD259 on middle school camps in June and July
- Butler Community College is doing mobile enrollment events in communities throughout the region.
- Job Corps has been very busy with enrollments this summer.

8. Next Steps

- Staff will send Committee members a link to the KSDE website page that illustrates a breakdown of subprograms under each of the KSDE recognized career pathways.
- A report on 4th quarter WBL data and outcomes will be presented at the next committee meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.

Attendees:

LWDB Youth Employment Committee Members

Amy Williams, Spirit AeroSystems, Co-Chair
Aletra Chaney-Profit, Butler Community College
Cody Griffin, WSU Tech
Debbie Kennedy, Wichita Children's Home
Alana McNary, Professional Engineering Consultants
Mim McKenzie, YMCA

Staff/Guests

Amanda Duncan
Denise Houston
KC Schumacher
Shirley Lindhorst
Deb Weve, Job Corps