

**WIOA Youth Committee Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2017**

Attendees

Marie Bias-Jones
Gregory Carper
Jessica Conklin
Thom Conner
Beth Elkins
Mike Lamb
Tabetha Marcum
Jabbar Thomas
Tia Welch

Staff

Amy Farley
Amy Fizer

Call to Order - Marie Bias Jones

Marie Bias-Jones called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. She asked everyone to refer to the meeting agenda, and to begin the meeting with introductions. Following the introductions, Marie asked Beth Elkins for her report.

In-School Youth – Beth Elkins

Beth Elkins reported ten youth are currently enrolled in OE (Occupational Exploration).

- Two participants completed CPR/First Aid training and obtained their certificate;
- One obtained a Food Handler's card;
- One was offered a part-time job with Charleston Child Care and Learning Center;
- One completed their customer service certification; and
- One participant has been hired by an electrical company

Out-of-School Youth – Jabbar Thomas

Jabbar Thomas reported that the eligible youth are receiving support service payments to assist in their training. Several are ready to embrace their futures and are attempting to clean up their records and prepare for future employment.

Organization Updates – All

Marie asked the attendees to provide a brief update from the organization they represent.

Tia Welch – Charleston Job Corps

- Target 16 – 24 year olds, out of school youth who meet socioeconomic factors
- Job Corps has a partnership with BridgeValley CTC (2 year programs)
- On Board Strength is 307 and they currently serve 262

Jessica Conklin – PIA

- Offer 4 week courses in CDL Class A
- Offer 4 week courses in Heavy Equipment (backhoes, bulldozers)
- Heavy Equipment Operators are trained at the Pittsburgh campus
- Pay all DMV fees for CDL
- 2 weeks of classroom training and 2 weeks' hands on training in the truck
- 160 hours of training – Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Students under 21 are restricted to state of WV and they typically earn \$14 - \$17/hr.
- Oil and Gas industry is expanding and they are hiring students to drive water trucks

Mike Lamb – WVDRS

- Change in transition counselors
- 189 students – increase of 25 from 2016
- Training decreased from 5 days to 4 days per week
- Decrease in spending of \$2,300 per student in 2016 to \$600 per student in 2017

Thom Conner – BridgeValley

- Enrollment increased by 2%

Marie Bias-Jones – RESA III

- RESA III will close June 30, 2018. An Education Service Cooperative is forming in Region II. They will offer unified services.
- Adult Education will continue
- Some services will be lost (Child nutrition)

Amy Farley – Update

- Youths can now be dually enrolled as an Adult and as a Youth
- Transitional jobs can be funded under WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker
- After a Youth completes Work Experience, they can receive Adult funding

- They can receive Support Service payments from HRDF **OR** ITA but NOT both
- Transitional jobs are intended for long-term employment
- There is no guarantee to hire

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Our next Youth Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday December 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at BridgeValley.