



**Youth Council
May 28, 2021 at 8:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM**

APPROVED Minutes

In attendance: Members: Valerie Hatfield, Francis Miliano, John Robbins, Valdijah Brown, Michelle Wagner, Diane Tyson, Cindi Moses, Kimberley Patrick, Gina Guatta, Susan Richeson, Mike Moeller, Dr. Victor DeSantis Anne Weiss

Guests: Carissa Pinkard, Liz Swirniuk, Carmen Kernick, Abigail Ellis, Willow Peluso

Not in attendance: Jessica Crosby, Jen Bennett, Emily Blackwell, Andrew Garner, Cheri Modene, Susan Richeson, Anne Weiss

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Co-chair Mike called the meeting to order
- II. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval of Minutes from March 26, 2021
 - Correction will be made to meeting minutes to add Jean Martin in attendance.
- III. **Committee Updates**
 - A. WDB Announcements- Valerie shared updates on staffing changes and funding updates.
 - B. Program Updates: EDSI (WIOA, TANF, SLIP)
 - Liz updated that enrollment with career counselors is up and they are more on track to meet their goals. PWE seems to be a motivator.
 - Shared outreach goal for OSY and some of the events throughout the summer months
 - PWE with 54 enrolled and some in the pipeline. Liz encouraged by the momentum.
 - Enrolled 70 young adults into 12-15 and all but 5 have completed their full 6 week experience
 - Liz encouraged and asked all to follow and share on social media (FB and IG)
 - C. CRL! Committee Report Out
 1. Data/Employer Demand – Val
 - The team completed the local career pathways directory and is ready to be published.
 2. Career Readiness – Mike M.
 - Advised of the HIGH 5 reporting guide for K-12 and that there will be a different rating scale for each grade, but the goal is for everyone to have at least a “4”. There will be a rubric scale included.
 - Thaddeus Stevens will be using this as a pilot program this summer for one of their summer programs. Marketing will work on getting this out to employers and districts.
 3. Marketing/Outreach – Kim

- Advised HIGH 5 will be located within several parts of the website: student, parent, educator, and business. Hoping for a July website launch and those interviews will start soon with educators and employers.

D. Youth Council Events Committee Report-Out – Kim P.

- Bypassing this section due to lengthy agenda

IV. Contract Monitoring

A. TANF Plan to State

- Val advised we received more funding this year. Would like to build middle school in so can continue the success with out flat funding. We are planning to serve 200 youth for career readiness from middle school up.
- Prioritize dropout recovery for those in any school district in the county.
- Built in short-term training/certifications as we no longer have BEP funding.

B. SLIP Contract

- We had a \$30,000 contract. Paying \$15 an hour and will serve 6 youth. Focus on HPO, do not have to be college students.

C. Act 26 Quarterly Report

- Susan Richeson, from OVR, shared the IEP transition report.
- Struggling with employers being resistance with youth onsite, especially those that need additional support. Hoping for an increase of employers as restrictions released from the state.

D. Contracts Report

- Val highlighted anything under 50% and advised should be closer to 75/80% spent by now.
- Work experience dollars have not been spent. OSY is really trying to get people in to spend this funding.
- Some funds can roll over. The ones we cannot we are monitoring closely.
- John Robbins asked what JAInspire will do to spend funding when schools are closed. Val advised will subsidize expenses to make the event happen.

E. Performance Dashboard

- Val advised working with EDSI to boost outreach methods to increase higher case load next program year. Trying to target OSY placement rate up, it is currently 47%

V. Action Items

A. Recommendation for TANF Contract

- Proposing to extend contracts for another year.
- Advised received a waiver to not have to RFP this year due to COVID, but we will RFP next year.

B. Recommendation for OSY Contract

- Proposing to extend contracts for another year.
- Advised received a waiver to not have to RFP this year due to COVID, but we will RFP next year.

C. Recommendation for ISY Contract

- Proposing to extend contracts for another year.
- Advised received a waiver to not have to RFP this year due to COVID, but we will RFP next year.

A motion was made by Diane in favor, Kimberley second the motion, and ALL in favor. Mike Moeller abstained from vote.

VI. Discussion

A. Presentation by Abigail Ellis; Mentoring.org

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- Abigail shared about what is good mentoring and not so good mentoring. Advised that they are not similar to the work done by Big Brothers/Big Sisters. They work with youth programs to strengthen their youth programs, connect resources and do their work by training, coaching, and consulting.
- Some services may be free.

B. Mentoring discussion led by Fran and Kimberley.

- Kim asked what is our role? Do we offer training for businesses, training for educators?
- Diane said we need to be strategic on how we can get businesses involved. Would like to see us train corporate by showing models that have worked.
- Val reminded that our goal is career mentoring, and we need to coordinate with the chamber or others and see that offer and not compete.

VII. Upcoming Events

- Edge Factor - Indigenous Students (May-June 2021)
- All 'Bout Construction Camp - June 14th-18th [Girls Camp](#).
- Edge Factor Summer Camp (July-August 2021)
- Edge Factor ROCK MFG Day – in partnership with Lancaster Makes - (Sept-October 2021)
- Edge Factor Apprenticeships (Nov-December 2021)

VIII. Adjournment

- Mike Ford asked for a motion to bring meeting to an end. Dian so moved motion. 9:36am

2021 Meeting Schedule

All meetings at 8am

Friday, July 23

Friday, September 24

Friday, November 19