



**Youth Council
October 12, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM**

MINUTES

In attendance: Members: Carissa Pinkard, Michael Ford, Francis Miliano, Diane Tyson, Mike Moeller, John Robbins, Valdijah Brown, Jessica Crosby, Susan Richeson, Gina Guatta, Emily Blackwell, Cindi Moses, Jean Martin

Not in attendance: Andrew Garner, Michelle Wagner, Cheri Modene, Victor DeSantis, Kimberly Patrick,

I. Welcome and Call to Order

- Fran called the meeting to order at 9:00am

II. Approved meeting minutes from 7-23-2021

- Diane Tyson moved to approve the minutes; Mike Moeller seconded. ALL approved

III. Program Updates

A. WIB Updates:

- Carissa shared update that RFP for OSY has gone out and review committee will be formed and asked for members to notify her of interests.
- Carissa noted that goal of youth programming to diversify providers and have providers that specialize in specific areas like mentoring.
- Shared about rebranding of student and young adult development programs and asked for council ideas and thoughts. John noted that seeing that career discussions are creating a lot of stress for students and want to make sure that conversations aren't so restricted.

B. Youth Council Member Updates:

- Mike M. Mental health seems to be on the forefront of student needs. There are 32 students enrolled to date, and spring dual enrollment this year. Supply chain delays for some student needs.
- Gina: advised mental health needs with students make it hard to provide services while students are filled with so much anxiety.
- John R: finding balance with working through mental health and academics
- Transition back to school, anxiety about the changes, political strife, and news, to wear a mask or not wear a mask is all contributing to the mental health issues. Partnerships within school counseling is hindered due to staffing issues. Susan confirmed they are short staffed, but also having trouble getting into schools to see students due to space and limiting outside visitors. Youth council members asked to think of ways to support and meet the needs of the students.

IV. Contract Monitoring

- A. Contracts Report,** Carissa shared youth contracts report with council members. Carissa advised monitoring will assist in making sure the funds are expended. We will be able to catch things earlier during monitoring and provide opportunities and assistance early enough rectify the issue.

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- B. Performance Dashboard, Carissa shared the 4th quarter performance dashboard. Noted that the SLIP contract shows barely spent because went thru 8/27. Carissa noted that we are monitoring quarterly and having constant discussions on ways to improve and gauge where we are toward meeting goals. We discussed that the EDSI youth team is adapting and out in community more to increase numbers and meet goals.

V. Discussion

A. Youth Council agenda items – Carissa

- Valdijah shared the desire to find ways to connect more intentionally around matters related to Perkins V.
- Mike M. advised will have local comprehensive needs assessments in the next few months and may need participation from council members. Mike will share the dates with Carissa when has them.
- Diane Tyson would like to hear from dept. of human services, children and youth, probation and parole, re-entry programs to hear the needs and gaps. Would like to have the people working with kids (at-risk) involved and hear what we provide and get kids connected. How can we work better with existing agencies and let them know what we do, who we serve and catch kids earlier that are at-risk.
- John mentioned Leadership Lancaster and sharing the information of our student and young adult services with them. Diane suggested asking Kate to add/include us into the March presentation.
- Valdijah asked if we use regional data to create/promote programming? Can we start to look toward our future in a more innovation way as we develop programs.
- Diane noted that times have changed, and we need to change programing for the times. Teach students that working is learning. How can we “ignore” the HPO List and provide learning experiences?
- Mike mentioned that we should expand and look at the HPO list for surrounding counties, more workers are leaving and working outside of Lancaster.

B. Student and Young Adult Programming in the future

- Carissa would like to hear the thoughts and ideas from the members about how to continue to build and rebrand the programming for students and young adults.

C. Youth Council sub-committees

- Carissa asked everyone to confirm if they are still interested in participating in sub-committees. Would like to start sub-committee meetings soon.

VI. Upcoming Events

A. Edge Factor ROCK MFG Day – October 18-22,2021 on Facebook

B. Edge Factor Apprenticeships (11/29/2021 – 12/3/2021) – any ideas to incorporate something in-person?

- Asked members to share any in-person events to localize the apprenticeship week for our community.

VII. Adjournment

- Fran mentioned about an upcoming team builder and asked for fun ideas from members.
- Fran mentioned that we will revisit mentorship and want to focus on this more in the future.
- Diane asked the location of the new building.
- 10:08 am meeting adjourned.

2021 Meeting Schedule:
All meetings at 9am VIA Teams

Tuesday, November 9,2021
Tuesday, December 14,2021

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