

Indiana Department of Workforce Development SWIC Youth Council Taskforce
Indiana Government Center South
Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD)
Public Entrance at 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN
Department of Workforce Development, Conference Room D
January 21, 2016
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Gretchen Gutman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

Ms. Gutman motioned to approve the minutes. Alishea Hawkins seconded.

Members present: Gretchen Gutman, Alishea Hawkins, Susan Lockwood, and Renee Palmer

Others: Leslie Crist, Cindy Kicinski, Kelly Brown, Amy Marsh, Erika Cheney

Ms. Gutman stated the Youth Council Taskforce would transition from a ‘taskforce’ to a ‘committee,’ starting with the next meeting in May. Nine of the twelve Workforce Development Boards have youth councils and will present for an hour and a half at the May and July meetings, each presentation lasting for a maximum of 15 minutes. Ms. Gutman asked for feedback on moving the youth meeting from the afternoon to before the full SWIC. The consensus was to meet before the full SWIC. Ms. Gutman reminded the council that they would not be meeting in March as the State JAG Career Development Conference was occurring and a sign-in sheet was passed around to volunteer as judges.

Department of Correction Discussion

Susan Lockwood, Director of Juvenile Education/Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services, presented to the council on ‘Educating Youth in the Juvenile Justice System.’

Ms. Lockwood provided an overview between Detention and Corrections facilities for youth and stressed the importance of education and employment support to reduce recidivism. Ms.

Lockwood provided information on various taskforces focusing on statewide systems impacting reform and the partnership with DWD to assist juveniles with earning an HSE, an in-demand occupational credential, and employment.

Career Pathways and Employability Skills Discussion

Amy Marsh, DWD Director of Career Readiness, presented to the group on Adult Career Readiness Standards for Employability Skills, which were vetted by employers as the skills necessary to obtain and maintain employment in Indiana. These standards are now under the umbrella of system alignment and a connective piece to readiness standards adopted at the K-12 level. The skills are updated monthly and the standards will be updated every four years with the State Plan. Ms. Marsh also presented a document to the council on ‘C4EO Workplace Essentials’ and sought input on imbedding the occupational skills into our Demand Driven Workforce. Renee Palmer informed the council that Vectren had 2,200 job applicants apply for 45 jobs in 2014. The employability and occupational skills will be beneficial for them to show pathways.

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG Indiana) Career Development Conference (CDC)

Leslie Crist, DWD Director of Strategic Initiatives and Cindy Kicinski, Program Manager for JAG Indiana provided an update to the council on the State CDC competition descriptions and asked for volunteer judges to sign-up during the meeting. The council won't meet in March as the State JAG CDC is scheduled for March 11, 2016 at Ivy Tech Corporate College.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Leslie Crist.