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Youth Standing Committee

Monday, December 10, 2018 9:30 am -10:20 am

Members Present: Board Members: Chris Palmer, OVR (Chairperson); Other members: Brett Lasko, IU9, Loretta Lininger, IU9, Linda Thompson, McKean County Redevelopment and Housing Authorities; Ray Donati, Goodwill Industries.
Staff Present: Pam Streich

Topics Discussed –In School Career Awareness Meeting Follow up and TANF Youth Development discussion.

Committee Purpose: To provide information and to assist with planning, the operational oversight, and other issues relating to the provision of services to youth.

WIOA Title I Report – Pam will share the report with members upon receipt from our Title I provider.

TANF Youth – Members discussed the changes to the TANF Youth Development Eligibility.

Youth Career Related Programs –A collaborative meeting was held on November 19th at the Red Fern with 28 program representatives in attendance. The goals/objectives of the meeting were to develop a cross system partnership of career related services available per county, a method/process to refer someone to a program that requires eligibility, to ensure that the appropriate people in schools are knowledgeable about what is available in each county, and to identify any gaps in services that may be occurring. During today's meeting the outcomes of the break out groups were discussed.

Next steps include: 1) drafting of a shareable document that will inform schools and partners of the "Career and Employment Readiness Programs" available to in school youth in our region with contact information for each, 2) outreach to all secondary schools in our region requesting 2 school contacts to receive the document (preferably Transition Coordinators and Guidance Counselors); the draft document will be sent to all Principals, Guidance Counselors and Transition Coordinators with the Superintendents being cc'd. Pam will draft an email and get feedback from committee members. Email will be sent by December 21, 2018 with response by January 10th. The document will be updated yearly. 3) It was also agreed that the Youth Committee would bring together this group to convene one time each year inviting the schools to the next meeting. If necessary, the next meeting will be held prior to the distribution of the document.

Next Meeting – Monday, March 11, 2018 – 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Action Items for the board:

There are no action items for the board.

WIOA and TANF YOUTH REPORT

July 1, 2018 to December 15, 2018

Enrollments

	WIOA	TANF
CAMERON	1	0
CLEARFIELD	20	18
DUBOIS	24	0
ELK	8	4
JEFFERSON	31	8
MCKEAN	17	5
POTTER	13	5
TOTALS	114	40

✓ Offender - 14

Barriers

- ✓ Basic Skills Deficient - 29
- ✓ Disability - 48
- ✓ High School Dropout - 19
- ✓ Homeless - 3
- ✓ Low Income - 76
- ✓ Pregnant or Parenting Youth - 26

Expenditures/Obligations

Work Experience – On the Job Training, July 1, 2018 through December 15, 2018				
	Planned	Expenditures	Obligations	Balance
WIOA Out of School	\$12,039.12	\$3,813.50	\$4,552.44	\$3,673.18

Work Experience, July 1, 2018 through December 15, 2018				
	Planned	Expenditures	Obligations (customers currently in WE)	Balance
WIOA Out of School	\$119,966.40	\$14,321.25	\$13,837.50	\$91,807.15
TANF Year Round	\$89,677.36	\$25,080.75	\$46,113.75	\$18,482.86

WORK EXPERIENCE Worksites – Bigler YMCA, Bob Boob's Garage, BOONDOCS, Bradford Auto Services, Brookville YMCA, CCCTC, Clear-Centre Swimming Pool, Clearfield YCMA, Curwensville Lake, Danzer, Elk County Community Recycling Center, Friendship Table, Goodwill – McKean, Goodwill Retail Store – Jefferson, Head Start – Port Allegany, Jefferson County Historical Society, Johnsonburg Community Center, Johnston Tools, Josie's Restaurant, KMA Remarketing, Mama J's Early Learning Center, Metz, Moshannon Valley YMCA, Oswayo Valley School District, PA CareerLink Clearfield County at Clearfield, PA CareerLink Jefferson County, Port Allegany Pharmacy, Protektor Model, Punxsutawney Memorial Library, Seneca Highlands CTC, Shop N Save – Galeton, SPCA – Clearfield County, Spring Street Salon, Stoney North, The Stuff Store, The Wreck Center, Xtreme Machine

SUCCESS STORIES.....



Cameron County - Jacob Cook was enrolled in the youth program March 2018 and came to us with some learning barriers. We worked with Jacob and the school to place him on a work experience at Guy and Mary Felt Manor in Emporium. Jacob assisted the activities and hospitality directors doing various jobs to take care of the residents for the nursing home. The residents took to Jacob almost immediately. He was very gentle and friendly with the residents and enjoyed helping them with arts and crafts as well as playing games and just visiting. Jacob's work experience ended and then he went on to summer employment at the Emporium Borough and when that ended, he went to the local grocery store for a part time job. Jacob is very active in school activities and is looking forward to graduation.



Clearfield County – Clearfield - Kasey Swanson came to CareerLink looking for a brighter future. She had dropped out of High School in 10th grade, did some traveling (as far as California) and held several part time jobs. She decided she needed to obtain her GED and find a permanent job to provide for her future child. Kasey worked with her Talent Development Specialist, studied hard and obtained her GED in less than two months. Kasey was placed in a work experience at the front desk of CareerLink and has been an asset due to her customer service and computer skills. She has utilized CareerLink tools such as Resume Hero and has had several interviews. Great opportunities are now on the horizon and this shows what can happen when you put forth effort and follow the plan created with CareerLink.

Clearfield County – DuBois - Breanna Kelsey graduated from Jefferson County-DuBois Area Vocational Technical Secondary School in June of 2016 with a certificate in Health Assisting Services. After deciding that a traditional four-year college program wasn't for her, she decided to work part-time as a nurse aide at Jefferson Manor in Brookville. Breanna decided she would like to continue her education in nursing, and came to CareerLink for tuition assistance to attend the Practical Nursing Program through Jeff Tech's Adult Programming. While going to school full-time, Breanna began a part-time nurse aide position at Christ The King Manor in DuBois. Breanna successfully completed her LPN certificate in August 2018 and passed her state licensing exam in September. Upon passing her exam, Christ The King Manor offered Breanna a full-time LPN position. Breanna has been working as an LPN for almost three months. She states that she has always known she would become a nurse someday, and she sees each day as a chance to better her patients' lives.

Elk County- Jonathan Schmitz (update from last report) was enrolled as an out of school youth and dislocated worker into WIOA. Jonathan actively participated in all job readiness workshops offered at the Elk County Career Link. Jonathan expressed interest in obtaining his class A CDL and he was able to utilize ITA funding to attend Clearfield County Career & Technology Center for this training. Jonathan obtained his Class A CDL certification and license at the end of August. Jonathan obtained employment with May Trucking out of Pensacola, Florida as an over the Road Trucker. He stressed his appreciation for all of the services and help provided to him at the CareerLink® and credits his time here as a key component to his success.

Jefferson County – Joshua Baynor dropped out of high school in his senior year. Family Literacy referred him to the CareerLink WIOA Out-of-School Youth program for assistance in completing his high school equivalency diploma. With the assistance of CareerLink, Josh successfully passed two sections of the GED in February 2018. Josh continued to take classes and was still working on the final section of the GED when he obtained employment in manufacturing at the beginning of May 2018. By the end of May, Josh had achieved his GED. He remains employed with Utilities and Industries where he has had an increase in pay and has been named "Employee of the Month."



McKean County – Cody Begin was referred to the WIOA Out of School Youth program by our Adult Education affiliate, as he is also working through their program to obtain his GED. From the beginning, Cody has been extremely motivated and has exceeded our expectations. He has started a work experience with Metz in Bradford, PA, which will branch into an On the Job Training position in the Adult program and will eventually lead to full-time unsubsidized employment. With all of this on his plate, Cody still actively participates in his Adult Education classes and will be taking the High School Equivalency exam very soon. The sky is the limit for Cody, and we are so proud of him!



Potter County – Christopher McGarry came to Potter County CareerLink with limited skills and work history. He attended all workshops to help him gain the skills needed to be successful in the labor market. He built a resume, learned how to interview, and also learned important tips on keeping employment after hire. He has been placed on a Work Experience in a local manufacturing facility, where he can utilize the skills he has learned through CareerLink. Christopher has been successful in learning the different lines in the facility and gets along with his co-workers. The work experience employer is very pleased with his work and intends to offer him a permanent position once he fulfills the work experience requirements.