

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting February 19, 2015

Susie Drish called the meeting to order with introductions.

Youth Advisory in attendance was:

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| Becky Schmitz | Jefferson County Board of Supervisors/RWIB Member |
| Karen Swanson | IHCC High School Coordinator |
| Tony Diaz | First Resources |
| Toby Mitchell | Truant Officer, Ottumwa Community Schools |
| Holly Dommer | American Home Finding |
| David Humburg | Job Corps |

The results from our Summer Youth Survey was passed out, there were 18 youth that participated in the survey as of today. We are still collecting more surveys, from what we have received is great to start planning this year's program. Some of the low responses are from lecture classes that we offered it was discussed that we need a more hands on approach. It also depends on how the information was presented, need to make sure that they are not just lectured too but have more participation.

Some suggestions from the group are:

- Trip to the Makoda Mountains by Clinton, IA
- Army Repelling wall
- International Dinner/Dinner prepared by participants
- Financial Literacy
- Before and after pictures of new interview clothes purchased
- Success Stories from past youth participants
- Keynote speaker and then break-out sessions
- Do survey each year before the program ends
- A day at IHCC to shadow technical programs
- Assessment that is fun to take
- Teen budget challenge

Passed out the Youth Resource Pamphlet (rough draft) to the members and asked them review it and let us know if they have any more information to add. Please e-mail lisa.stek@iwd.iowa.gov if you want to add or change anything. I will work with Karen Swanson to put it into a pamphlet and have copies made at IHCC Printing Department to pass out at the next meeting.

Karen announced that they are now offering Horticultural classes at the Career Academies so please encourage students to attend.

Susie went over the new WIOA program briefly that starts July 1, 2015. We do not have the regulations yet but the move is to work more with out-of-school youth. We will still work with Younger Youth, instead of 70% in-school and 30% out-of-school it will switch to 70% out-of-school and 30% in-school-youth. The goal is catch these youth that drop out, assist them with HISET and then further training so they can obtain employment. Or anyone that completes HISET/Diploma and assists them with their training needs. Will let the committee know when we receive the regulations.

The Meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Stek