

## **Youth Standing Committee Meeting September 24, 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                      |
| Sara Swanson  | Alternative At Risk/Guidance                      |
| David Humburg | Job Corp  |

Visitors include: Jennifer Snead, IowaWORKS Operations Manager and LuAnn Eakins, IHCC High School Program.

Susie she didn't have a lot to announce about the WIOA program, it is still a work in progress. One item that they did add back for eligibility was the free and reduced lunch, this was in the JTPA program but not WIA. The handbook should be out the first of October so I will be able to update you more in our December meeting.

Does anyone have any suggestions on new Youth Standing Members? There are some that are not able to make the meetings and we would like to get a representation from our ten counties. Karen Swanson suggested that we replace Keri VanDenHeuvel since she is not able to attend the meetings with Amy Simmons, Oskaloosa H.S. Counselor. Also see if Troy Seeley could have a secondary for when he is unable to attend the meetings. Jennifer Snead said that she would contact them and see if they would be willing to be on the committee.

Karen Swanson explained the process of IJAG with the Ottumwa Community Schools. There are two counselors from IJAG that work with the at risk students who are in danger of dropping out of school. It is a collaboration with Ottumwa Schools. This will assist with in-school youth since the focus for WIOA is out of school participants.

Susie asked everyone to say what is new with their jobs.

- Dave Humburg – has 240 students enrolled at JobCorp. Also there is a tour of Job Corp every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and will provide lunch afterwards. If you have a group of more than 20 just call ahead so they can be prepared at lunch.
- Luann Eakins – High school program has 500 more enrolled than this time last year.
- Becky Schmitz – Emergency Mental Health for Jefferson Co. Youth is in progress and the changes in Medicaid that have to be done by January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Karen Swanson – there are 1,900 high school students that are taking IHCC classes this year. Workshop for Educators will be again next year, June 2016.
- Sara Swanson – Has a new title Alternative At Risk/Guidance counselor.

Karen distributed the Services Available for Youth pamphlet, which was made possible by the collaboration of the Youth Standing Committee members and IowaWORKS-Southern Iowa staff. This will be sent out to all counselors and anyone who works with youth. This pamphlet is very informative with all the resources that are available for youth. We will review it at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to see if there any changes or additions we want to add as this will always need updating.

Susie asked the members to review the top three recommendations for our Customer Service plan. This is what we currently are using does anyone see the need for any changes? What the committee submits will be put in to our new WIOA Customer Service Plan. All committee members reviewed the suggestions and agreed that these would be appropriate no changes.

The next topic would be the survey from our youth participants, we were only able to have work experiences this year to due funding. From the ten we surveyed the responses are great we did something new this year. If the participant completed their work experience they received a certificate from us on this completion along with the Worksites receiving a thank you certificate from us for being a worksite.

The next meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup> and Susie promised to bring Christmas treats.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Stek