

Agenda Item 5b Youth Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome & Attendance

Information/Discussion

2. LWDB 20 Primary Indicators of Performance - 1st Quarter PY 2023-2024
3. WIOA Youth Connections Performance Report - 2nd Quarter PY 2023-2024
4. YouthBuild Program Update
5. Youth Success Story Video
6. Adjournment

Members Participating by Teleconference:

Lana Barros, Robert McPartlan, Alisha Seitz, Christie Shields, Rebecca Petrie, Tracey Miller, Prashanth Pilly

Members Present

Maddie Williams

Members Excused

Theresa Bishop, Margie Dotson, Terrance Moore, William Armstead, Lorna Landherr, Freddie Woolfork

Members Unexcused

None

Other Attendees

Angie Strickland, Kimberly Grey

Staff Participating by Teleconference and On-Site

Shelly Batton, Christina Coble, Martin Rivera/IT, Jennifer Eimann

Call to Order

Terrance Moore, Chair, was not in attendance. Maddie Williams, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Agenda Item 2 - LWDB 20 Primary Indicators of Performance - 1st Quarter PY 2023-2024:

Christina Coble, Business Services Manager, reviewed WIOA Youth Indicators of Performance for the 1st quarter of PY 2023-2024. Ms. Coble noted that WIOA Youth did meet or exceed all the performance goals for the 1st quarter except the Employed 4th Quarter After Exit category, which was not met.

Ms. Coble stated that in 2021, Career Planners had closed case files where clients were either non-compliant or could not be located. As a result, the closure of these cases with no verified employment is reflected in the metrics under the Employed 4th Quarter After Exit categories.

Ms. Coble explained that a strategic approach to adjust the delivery service model had been developed to manage this metric in the future. Staff are confident that WIOA Youth's performance in this area will improve and appear to be on track to meet performance metrics for the next quarter.

Agenda Item 3 - Review WIOA Youth Connections Performance Report PY 2023-2024 2nd Quarter:

Angie Strickland, Program Manager, presented the WIOA Youth Connections Performance Report for the 2nd quarter of PY 2023-2024.

Ms. Strickland shared the following performance measures for PY 2023-2024:

Enrollments:

- Out of School Youth (OSY) Enrollments - On Track
Goal 53 Participants - YTD 29 OSY Enrolled
- In-School Youth (ISY) Enrollments - Needs Improvement
Goal 17 Participants - YTD 3 ISY Enrolled
- Total Number of Enrollments - On Track
Goal 70 - YTD 32 Participants Enrolled
- % ISY Enrollments - On Track
Goal 25% - YTD 9.40% ISY Enrollments

Work Experience:

- Internship Placements - Needs Improvement
Goal 60 - YTD 19 Internship Placement
- Successful Internship Completions - Needs Improvement
Goal 51 - YTD 16 Successful Internship Completions
- Internship Completion Percentage - On Track
Goal 85% - YTD 84.20% Internship Completion Percentage
- W/Ex Expenditures - Needs Improvement
Goal \$222,735.00 - YTD \$84,947.61



Ms. Strickland explained that the categories of In-School Youth (ISY) Enrollments, % of ISY Enrollments, and Internship Placements still need improvements to meet the YTD performance measures.

To increase enrollments for ISY, Ms. Strickland stated that the staff was doing extensive outreach, connecting with educational partners and stakeholders in an effort to expand awareness of our services. By increasing ISY enrollments, the other categories will benefit as well. As a result, Ms. Strickland is very optimistic about successfully meeting the performance benchmarks for PY 2023- 2024.

Christina Coble, Business Services Manager, noted that the Department of Commerce (FLORIDACOMMERCE) had not published the applicable benchmark status data for the bottom two categories of the performance report as of January 16, 2024. Therefore, that data could not be provided to the Youth Council at this time.

Agenda Item 4 - YouthBuild Program Update:

Shelly Batton, Director of Programs, stated that under the YouthBuild Funding Opportunity Announcement, the Department of Labor (DOL) will award YouthBuild grants through a competitive process to organizations providing pre-apprenticeship services that support education, occupational skills training, and employment services to opportunity youth, ages 16 to 24, who are performing meaningful work and service to their communities.

Applications for this funding opened on November 15, 2023. CareerSource Research Coast (CRSC) and Eckerd staff explored the application requirements for this grant opportunity. After much discussion, it was determined that CSRC would not be applying at this time. However, CSRC will be preparing for the next grant cycle as there are additional steps CSRC needs to accomplish before applying for this grant.

Kimberly Grey, Eckerd Youth Connections Operations Director, having applied for and worked with YouthBuild in the past, shared her experience and insights into the preparation process that will meet the grant's requirements.

Ms. Grey stated that, for example, CSRC needs to have preset commitments from stakeholders regarding building in low-income areas and matched funding. This includes commitments for land, community service, and employment opportunities.

This process will be an ongoing work in progress, and staff members will keep the council updated.

Agenda Item 5 - Youth Success Story Video

Angie Strickland, Program Manager, presented a video highlighting Kimberly Orr-Monto, Owner of Hair Envy. Ms. Orr-Monto stated that the partnership with Eckerd and CareerSource Research Coast has benefited her and the youth who have taken advantage of the opportunities presented to them. These opportunities provided internships, mentorships, and employment to those participating in the program.



Information Updates from Council Members:

Lana Barros, Director of Innovation & Choice Martin County School District, shared that there will be a Career Fair at the District office located at 1939 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, on February 8, 2024.

Aliesha Seitz, Director of Career and Technical Education, St. Lucie County Public Schools, announced that there will be a Career Fair sponsored by the SLC School Board & EDC on February 27, 2024, at the MidFlorida Event Center, Port St. Lucie.

Christie Shields, Principal, Treasure Coast Technical College, shared that two events will occur in Indian River County. A career fair for high school students will be held on May 3, 2024, at the Gifford Youth Achievement Center. In addition, there will be a Career and Technical Education (CTE) showcase tour for high school students on February 2, 2024.

Adjournment:

Having no other business, Maddie Williams adjourned the Youth Council meeting at 8:33 AM.

BOARD STAFF CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify these minutes reflect the proceedings by the Youth Council of CareerSource Research Coast, have been reviewed by the Board of Directors, and approved or approved with modifications which have been incorporated herein.

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