

Youth Council Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2023

Meeting Summary

- Welcome and Attendance
 - No Voting Items
 - Eckerd Connects Monthly Performance Report 4th Quarter - PY21-22
 - Status Report Summer of Success
 - Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth - Program Eligibility Policy
 - Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth - Incentive Payments Policy
 - WIOA Youth Success Story
 - Other Business
 - Adjournment
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Members Participating by Teleconference:

William Armstead, Rebecca Petrie, Lana Barros, Aliesha Seitz, Bob McPartlan, Margie Dotson, Dr. Ginger Featherstone, Christi Shields, Lila White, Maddie Williams, Wydee'a Wilson, Freddie Woolfork

Members Present

Terrance Moore

Members Excused

Matthew Churchey, David Freeland, Wayne Gent, Dr. John Millay, Dr. Davis Moore, Dr. Tim Moore

Members Unexcused

None

Other Attendees

Angie Strickland, Dannielle Brun, Anthony Nixon

Staff Participating by Teleconference and On-Site

Shelly Batton, Christina Coble, Martin Rivera, Rachel Pamer, Jennifer Eimann

Call to Order

Terrance Moore, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:05. A quorum was established.

Agenda Item 3 - Review Eckerd Connects Monthly Performance Report - PY21-22:

Angie Strickland, Youth Connections Program Manager, presented Eckerd Connects monthly performance report. The Youth Council Committee reviewed the performance and progress of Eckerd Youth Connections toward their established goals for 4th Quarter PY 2021-2022. Eckerd is the Board's contracted WIOA Youth Programs provider for the program year 2021-2022.

Ms. Strickland explained that as reflected in the report, Eckerd Connects was on track for the Measurable Skill Gains (MSG) and Credential metrics. Ms. Strickland pointed out that improvement is needed in the number of enrollments into the WIOA Youth program. Ms. Strickland stated that Eckerd Connects is aware of these areas of performance that need improvement and are working towards meeting those performance goals.

Danielle Brun asked the Youth Council members to partner in the current effort at community outreach that will assist to increase enrollments for in-school youth within the local workforce area (Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties).

William Armstead stated that there is increased enrollment at the Boys and Girls Club of in-school youth that may be eligible for the Youth Connections programs. Mr. Armstead stated he will make sure that someone from the Boys and Girls Club connects with Angie Strickland to see how they can partner to best serve this population.

Agenda Item 4 – Status Report Summer of Success

Rachel Pamer, WT/SNAP Programs Manager, stated that the Summer of Success program in Martin and St. Lucie counties is well underway. The Summer of Success program provides eligible youth with compensation at no cost to the sponsoring company for up to 32 hours per week for four to six weeks. All participants attend Youth Employment Success Solutions (YESS) training prior to placement. Youth are matched to a worksite according to career interests and geographical location.

The breakdown of current enrollments is as follows:

- Martin County budgeted for 15 youth - 6 youth have been enrolled to date
- ST. Lucie County budgeted for 100 youth - 57 youth have been enrolled to date
- Ms. Pamer stated that applications remained open through the week of May 23, 2023.

In addition, Ms. Pamer stated that she will be speaking on July 19, 2023, at the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce and hopes that this will result in more applicants/enrollments for the Summer of Success program.

Agenda Item 5 - Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth - Program Eligibility Policy:

Rachel Pamer, WT/SNAP Programs Manager, explained that this policy was created to reflect information outlined in CareerSource Florida's new WIOA Youth Eligibility Policy. The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth - Program Eligibility Policy documents the specific eligibility, priorities, and participation in the WIOA Youth Program.

Agenda Item 6 - Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth - Incentive Payments Policy:

Rachel Pamer, WT/SNAP Programs Manager, stated that this policy was updated to reflect new language which refers to the specific Industry Work Readiness Certificate which now aligns with the state policy.

Agenda Item 7 – WIOA Youth Success Story:

Anthony Nixon, Garden City Career Coach, presented a success story for Shalaamah Muhammad. In 2018 Shalaamah was enrolled in the Youth Connections program. Through hard work and perseverance, he was able to attain his GED on March 20, 2023.

As a direct result of his continued commitment and drive Shalaamah obtained employment working at Allied Universal as a Security Officer. Shalaamah is currently enrolled in the pilot program at Treasure Coast Flight Training and is planning on enrolling in the Sage Commercial Truck Driving program of study through Indian River State College (CDL) in Fall 2022.

Mr. Nixon stated that he could not be prouder of Shalaamah's willingness to overcome adversity and achieve his dreams.


Adjournment:

Having no other business, Terrance Moore, Chairperson, adjourned the Youth Council meeting at 8:15 AM.

Next Youth Council Meeting July 18, 2023

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.



Rachel Pamer
Board Staff

5/24/2023
Date