



## CVWDB Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 01-17-23

**Time:** 3:30-4:30 PM

**Location:** At Virginia Career Works (Lynchburg Center) – 3125 Odd Fellows Rd, Lynchburg.  
*For those needing to meet virtually: See MS Teams Link in calendar invite to join.*

### **Public Meeting Note:**

Because the Youth Committee is the arm of the Title 1 Youth Program which ensures parents, participants and other interested community members are involved in planning and implementation, this meeting will be available to the public. Any members of the public may reach out to Traci Blido, Executive Director, to request a meeting link and are welcome to attend.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

#### **1. Welcome:**

Traci welcomed members and staff and promptly began the meeting at 3:32 PM. She encouraged those members who had not visited the VCW Lynchburg Center to stay after the meeting for a tour.

#### **2. Introductions:**

**Members Present** - Bobby Johnson (Chair), Anthony Cardoza, Bryan Lyttle, Tiffany Covarrubias Lyttle (Online), Alisha Meador, John Redding, Jason Shockley, Cheryl Toler, Marysa Vaughn (Online), Sterling Wilder (Online)

**Staff Present** – Traci Blido, Lori Cumbo, Sarah Singer

#### **3. Title 1 Youth Program Performance:**

- Sarah presented staffing changes which included hiring Youth Career Navigator Rachel Jensen to serve the Bedford area. She advised Ryan House and Joe Girandola are no longer employed with HumanKind. HumanKind continues to look for Career Navigator(s) to serve the Amherst and Appomattox regions.



- Sarah highlighted a Work Experience (WEX) partnership with Central Virginia Community College (CVCC). CVCC has agreed to offer a variety of youth work experience opportunities in the areas of mechatronics, customer service, campus security and machining. Other emerging WEX opportunities which were highlighted included internships at Framatome and the Kingdom Academy.
- Sarah reported there were 25 youth WEX placements in the last quarter. Currently they have 12 WEX placements and anticipate six more by the end of next month.
- Sarah appealed to the Committee for contacts with Centra and Honda of Lynchburg. Several connections were mentioned and contact information will be emailed to her.
- In addition to Sarah's comments, discussions included an update on the new welding school which will open in Appomattox in partnership with Appomattox Christian Academy.
- The Committee agreed they found it helpful to receive a "Wish List" from Sarah and she stated she will continue to generate them.

#### **4. Updates from the Board:**

- Traci advised, in partnership with the Roanoke Region, Central Virginia WDB has been awarded the Youth Innovation Grant which is funded through Title 1 WIOA set-aside funds. The grant will target high school juniors with barriers who are enrolled in CTE programs. The grant will assist employers by paying for the first six months of employment, then participants will transition to a Youth Registered Apprenticeship program. To qualify, apprenticeships must be an in-demand occupation. Participants will be eligible for supportive services such as transportation, uniforms, and tools. The grant will target 15 youth for placement.

The grant will be launched at a joint meeting with CTE Program Administrators and a presentation from the DOLI Representative for Youth Apprenticeship. The meeting will be held at Liberty Station in Bedford in February.

- Traci advised the committee of an evolving Title 1 statewide issue regarding including WEX payments and other incentives as income. Participants will be required to complete a W-9 upon enrollment and would receive a 1099 if they earn above \$599 or more during the year. Discussion ensued around the impact this could have on enrollments as well as participants.



## 5. Open Discussion & Adjournment:

There being no further comments, Bobby thanked the committee for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM.

### **CVWDB Youth Committee Description:**

“The CVWDB Youth Committee will provide information and assist with planning, operational, oversight, and other issues relating to the provision of services to youth. The Youth Committee will ensure that parents, participants, and other interested community members are involved in the planning and implementation of Title 1 Youth programs. The committee will provide oversight to providers of youth activities in the local area, establish linkages with education and youth entities, and provide a forum for initial discussion on emerging issues effecting youth.”