



WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Youth Committee

1/18/2017 Noon-1PM Conference Call

Present: John Goodman, Brenda Kretzschmar, Robin Thibado, Lisa Fiore

WRI Staff: Merry Lienau, Lis Pizzi

WDB Staff: Jon Menz (Absent); Paul Wurtz

- I. Meeting was called to order. Lisa Fiore, WDB Committee Chair

- II. Welcome and Introductions
 - Paul Wurtz, Apprenticeship Liaison. Learning position, job shadowing Liz Pizzi. [LinkedIn Profile - Paul Wurtz](#)

- III. Approval of Minutes November 16, 2016 Youth Committee Minutes. Motion made by Robin Thibado and 2nd by Brenda Kretzschmar. Motion passed.

- IV. WDB/Consortium Update Jon Menz, WDB Executive Director
 - Reality Check for Pepin Co -Mondovi, March 30th. Anticipating 300 students. Includes Buffalo County. Would like to add an overview of services with the Job Center by WRI. Volunteers are needed for variety of positions include: Resume Reviews, Mock Interviews. Requesting prize donations. Liz/Toni to follow up with details.
 - Ellsworth District – Hosting a similar Employment Fair for 100 students on April 5th.

- V. Planning Discussion/Action
 - a. Identification of Regional Youth Needs Update/Possibly Merging with Momentum West
 - i. Overlap of goals & initiatives related to youth. Consideration of merging to maximize funding, leverage volunteer time, and minimize confusion community perception. Concerns: open minute meetings with non WWI – WDB members. Next steps: Further consideration and discussion at March mtg.
 - b. Career Venture Update – Volunteers
 - i. Located in Eau Claire. 2300+ students from 20 school districts registered. Career Clusters under represented include: Agriculture, Natural Resources/Energy, Financial. Next steps for Committee Assistance:

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1. Identification of employers within needed career clusters & outreach.
 2. Solicit employers from participating school districts to exhibit. See employer/location list sent to Jon Menz on 1/18/2017.
 3. Consideration for union representation//exhibit at event.
- c. Strategic Planning – WDB Feb 2017
- d. Apprenticeship Liaison

VI. Service Provider – WRI Youth Updates

Merry Lienau and Liz Pizzi, WRI Staff

- Industrial Mntc (CVTC High Tech Grant). Focus 17-29 year old. 75% funding. 2 Week Academy, starting 13/13. Flexible program times. Grant goal: 100 students in 4 years. Ave. class size = 12 students. Includes: Lean Mfg, OSHA10, CPR, Employability Skills, and Intro to Hydraulics, PLC, etc. Overall goal is continuing education into IM course work at technical college.
- Culinary Academy. 4 Wk session, starting March 7th. Includes front/back of house skills, customer wait staff service, SafeServ Certification, Kitchen Safety. Will train with chef, and host a “live” event where meal planning, prep & budgeting skills are demonstrated. Class size, 12. No immediate transition to formal education, will focus on Work Experience until CVTC begins their Culinary program in 2 yrs.
- CESA11 (Hudson area). Healthcare Bootcamp. 4 day deep dive into healthcare career exploration. Looking to coordinate from birth to death, including observation of surgical procedures, use of birth simulator and morgue experience. Class size, 25-50, including 6 schools.
- Employability Skills. In development for end of February.
- CESA11 Update: Working closely w/students on course selection and certification into youth apprenticeship programs. Focus has been construction.
- CESA10 Update: Nice momentum. Grant for 160 students, actual 171. Area student was selected to attend Governor Walker’s State of the State address.
- Healthcare Committee, Mtg on 2/1. Focus on 8 nursing facilities, and apprenticeships with high schools.

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- Youth Apprenticeship Committee Mtg – was postponed, needing to ID job fair date. Location will be St. Croix Central High School.

VII. Next youth Committee Meeting – March 15th.

a. Merging 'Youth' Groups (Momentum, CESA Youth Apprenticeship and The WDB Youth Council) - Discussion and next steps

b. Conference Call Meeting – Time/Merging with other Groups

VIII. Meeting was Adjourned

Lisa Fiore, WDB Committee Chair

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