



South Central **WORKFORCE** *Investment Board*

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Youth Committee Minutes Meeting Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 11:00AM

Members present: Joan Wright, Chair; Lisa Aden; Ingrid McCallister; Diana Ball.

SCWIB Staff: Scott Davis, Amanda Turner.

Joan Wright called the meeting to order at 11:00AM

Lisa Aden made a motion to accept and approve the corrected minutes from the previous meeting, Ingrid McCallister seconded the motion. Motion passed

Youth Program updates:

Scott provided quarterly reports showing youth enrollments as of the end of March. He discussed the need for staff to get out of the Job Center to engage and enroll youth throughout the region. He explained the workers' compensation issues the Board has just overcome and how he expects work experience program to take off through the summer months. Ingrid asked for clarification on these issues and how they have kept us from enrolling youth. Scott explained that for work experience we are the employer of record and must carry workers compensation insurance on everyone who participates in this program. And without workers' compensation insurance we could not write contracts for work experience.

Joan asked how many of the enrolled youth are attending AEL, Scott stated that two of them are enrolled with AEL currently with WIOA. She also asked about referrals to The Excel Center in Poplar Bluff and why they were not referred to the AEL. Scott explained that The Excel Center is more for adult students needing their High School Diploma, and they are beyond youth age. He spoke about working with all our partners and braiding services with Skill UP and other programs as customers are eligible for them.

Policy updates:

Youth Barriers Eligibility Policy - is for needs additional assistance 5% window for Youth. The policy spells out the criteria needed to meet definition for enrollment. Scott explained to the committee that we must have twenty people enrolled to utilize the 5% window and we have not had that many youth enrollments for well over a year now. Lisa discussed youth in Ripley County that would benefit from WIOA services and how some are not always eligible because of their parent's income. Scott said that is what the window is for, but enrollment levels must increase to utilize this category.

Next Meeting Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 11:00AM by Webex

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