



South Central
WORKFORCE
Investment Board

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Youth Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 22, 2024, at 11:00AM
Twin Pine Conservation Center

Members present and online: Joan Wright, Chair; Lisa Aden; Ingrid McCallister, Omar Galal, and Diane Elkin.

SCWIB staff present: Scott Davis

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

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

Scott provided updates on the Youth program in Amber's absence. He stated that they were on track to spend this year's carryover funding as Youth expenditures reached \$146,117.00 in the first quarter of the program year. He stated that they are already close to halfway through the \$349,000.00 carried over from the last program year. He provided program numbers with 7 classroom training, 1 on-the-job training, and 3 work experience enrollments for the first quarter of this program year. He emphasized they are still recruiting from AEL and looking to enroll youth with barriers.

Joan provided updates on the AEL Program. She stated that anyone can attend AEL even if they have a high school equivalent if they are Basic Skills Deficient and if do not have secondary school diploma or equivalent. English language learner classes are available in the West Plains location. A lot of people ask what Basic Skills Deficient means, it means when assessments are completed, they are not High School ready 12 grade six month. Students can enroll to upgrade skills and prepare for post-secondary training as well. MSU serves a big geographical area that is very rural. A list was provided of all the current classes and locations noting the recently added programs in Thayer, Gainesville. Joan went over her remote classes and noted the difference in the State online program and her remote online class. MSU is currently in the process of implementing an Integrated Education Training program with the welding students enrolled at MSU with the focus on math skills students need for a job in welding. Joan indicated the need for teachers, and she also has part-time opening for support staff in West Plains.

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Lisa Aden announced the need for eleven employers in Wright County to complete their NCRC certification.

Lisa announced that our recently added Dental Assistant student recently started working at Missouri Highlands in Reynolds County. She is finishing the training program but has already started working.

Lisa Aden made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ingrid McCallister seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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