



C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation

“Community Action Agency”

Youth Committee Meeting
December 16, 2024
3:00 PM

Location: C.E.F.S. Building
1805 S. Banker Street
Effingham, IL

Zoom:

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- I. Welcome – Call to Order/Roll Call – Vice-Chair Lambert
 - II. Approval of Minutes of the 9/16/24 Meeting –**Page 2 (Action Required)** – Vice-Chair Lambert
 - III. Report on Activities and Programs for Youth – Kelly Denton, WIOA Program Director
 - IV. Performance Measures Current Status – Kelly Denton, WIOA Program Director
 - V. Goals and Direction of Committee - Cindy Mayer, Workforce Development Director
 - VI. Committee Vacancies - Vice-Chair Lambert
 - VII. Other Business – Vice-Chair Lambert
 - VIII. Public Comment – Vice-Chair Lambert
 - IX. Closing Remarks – Vice-Chair Lambert
 - X. Motion to Adjourn – Vice-Chair Lambert
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Local Workforce Innovation Area 23 Quarterly Youth Committee Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2024 • 03:00 PM
CEFS Board Room•1805 S Banker St. Effingham

Chair: vacant

Vice Chair: Kala Lambert

Members Present: Lisa Bloemer, Casey Burgholzer (video), Kelly Denton, Carolynne Jorgenson (video), Kala Lambert, Cheryl Meyers, Chris Strohl

Members Absent: Courtney Conlin, Ted Walk

Others Present: Jamie Corda Hadjaoui, Debbie Whitacre, Elaine Nuding, Devon Kroeger

Welcome - Call to Order/Introductions/Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the LWIA 23 Youth Committee was called to order at 3:02 pm on Monday, September 16, 2024 by Kala Lambert.

Approval of Minutes:

There were no questions or concerns after reviewing the June minutes. Chris Strohl made a motion to approve the minutes, Lisa Bloemer seconded. Motion Carried.

Future of Youth Committee Discussion

Jamie Corda Hadjaoui stated that the Youth Committee might experience administrative changes due to the transition from Lake Land College to C.E.F.S. Those changes, including the next steps, will now rest with C.E.F.S. Kelly Denton stated that the future vision and changes of this committee will fall within the duties of the new director (which will be announced later in the evening).

Jamie Corda Hadjaoui made it aware that there was no private industry representation currently on the committee. Kala Lambert asked how much business representation is on the board and Jamie advised that at least 51% of the members are from businesses. Kala suggested that one of the board members could fill the missing Youth Committee chair position. Jamie suggested that the board members lead the search and the new LWIA 23 Director reach out to the board members to discuss the empty chair position and filling it.

Report on Activities and Programs for Youth

Kelly highlighted that they exceeded all measures for Youth. There is a recruitment plan in place to increase their numbers and meet the 50% requirement and they are on target. They also intend to use the State Supplemental grant to help youth as well.

Performance Measures Current Status

Kelly discussed the performance measures with the previous agenda item, but Elaine mentioned that even though the first quarter numbers are low at the moment, this is typical for this time of year and they are confident that they will improve.

Other Business

None.

Public Comment

Carolynne Jorgenson commented that their outreach has increased. Currently, they have 86 students enrolled in different high school programs. There are 1-2 year internships to assist with the bridge to trade or community college. Students are also learning soft skills to help with their progress into the workforce or educational path. The STEP program has seen great success so far.

Closing Remarks

Kala gave thanks to all those serving on the committee and to everyone who assist with workforce development plans and bridge gaps to aid in success.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm. Lisa Bloemer made the motion, Cheryl Meyers seconded. Motion Carried.