**Local Workforce Innovation Area 23 Quarterly Youth Committee Meeting**

 **Monday, December 11, 2023 ▪ 03:00 PM**

**CEFS Board Room▪1805 S Banker St. Effingham**

**Chair: Lori Poorman**

**Vice Chair: Kala Lambert**

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| **Members Present**: Lisa Bloemer, Casey Burgholzer, Kelly Denton, Carolynne Jorgenson, Cheryl Meyers, Lori Poorman, Chris Strohl, Robert Woolum**Members Absent:**  Kala Lambert, Courtney Conlin, Ted Walk**Others Present:** Jamie Corda Hadjaoui, Tony Logue, Debbie Whitacre, Joy Kaurin, Nancy Purdy, Devon Kroeger |  |

**Welcome - Call to Order/Introductions/Roll Call:**

The regular meeting of the LWIA 23 Youth Committee was called to order at 3:00 pm on Monday, December 11, 2023.

**Approval of Minutes:**

There were no questions or concerns after reviewing the September minutes. Casey Burgholzer made a motion to approve the minutes, Robert Woolum seconded. Motion Carried.

**Youth Committee Reorganization Phase II**

Jamie Corda Hadjaoui reviewed the previous reorganization discussion about how to reach out of school youth. The Asset map for our area was looked at and reviewed. A lengthy discussion on resource gaps for youth was had by all with many potential solutions coming from the discussion. Transportation and digital access were a couple of the areas identified. One of the solutions was the creation of postcards with QR codes on them to lead a youth to take a survey about what services they would consider important but do not have. With the completion of the survey, the youth would have the potential to receive some sort of award. This award would be donated by Agri-Fab. Another solution was the use of social media and to advertise in the most streamed sites so the youth would see them.

A discussion was to bring in someone from DCFS to get their perspective and to form a sub-group to work on the survey. A possible focus group of current Youth Out-of-School and Adult Education participants could be helpful.

**Report on Activities and Programs for Youth**

Kelly Denton reported that CEFS was working with LLC to secure supplemental funding to help serve the youth population. She stated that they are always looking for Youth Work Experience worksites and she discussed the Youth Work Experience process. 66 youth have been served so far this fiscal year.

**Performance Measures Current Status**

Kelly stated currently, we are failing the youth credential attainment rate and the youth measurable skills gain measure. Historically, this time of year, this is common. She is confident that all measures will be met or exceeded by the end of the fiscal year.

**Other Business**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Closing Remarks**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm. Lori Poorman made the motion, Lisa Bloemer seconded. Motion Carried.