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

**Monday, March 18, 2024 ▪ 03:00 PM**

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

**Chair: Lori Poorman**

**Vice Chair: Kala Lambert**

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| **Members Present**, Casey Burgholzer (video), Courtney Conlin (video), Kelly Denton,  Carolynne Jorgenson (video), Kala Lambert, Chris Strohl  **Members Absent:**  Lisa Bloemer, Cheryl Meyers, Lori Poorman, Ted Walk, Robert Woolum  **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, March 18, 2024.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Early in the meeting, there was not a quorum. However, the final member to reach quorum joined later in the meeting and this item was acted on at that time. There were no questions or concerns after reviewing the December minutes. Chris Strohl made a motion to approve the minutes, Casey Burgholzer seconded. Motion Carried.

**Youth Committee Reorganization Phase III**

Jamie Corda Hadjaoui talked about the timeline for moving the Youth Committee forward in their reorganization. Gaps and opportunities were discussed previously and now the group needs to figure out how to tackle the hurdles and take advantage of any opportunities presented. A mid-quarter meeting did not happen this last round but want to get a meeting setup for possibly late April, so a Doodle poll will go out to all members to check availability for early in the week of April 22nd.

**Strategic Planning**

Jamie stated that the committee needs to put together a strategic plan with some of the goals mentioned in the Regional Plan being: streamlining referrals, promoting pre-apprenticeships / apprenticeships and teaching youth how to navigate the labor market.

**Report on Activities and Programs for Youth**

Kelly Denton reported that CEFS has received the Supplemental grant for the Youth and are using those funds for tuition, transportation and child care assistance for customers. This helped to open up funds to out-of-school youth work-based programs as they are still not meeting the in school vs. out of school measures. They have an outreach / recruitment plan in place and are working towards enrolling 30 more out of school youth by April. They have had 7 new youth since Quarter Two, with 4 additional within the next 1-2 weeks.

**Performance Measures Current Status**

Kelly stated currently, we are exceeding all Youth measures.

**Other Business**

Elaine stated that they are in desperate need of out of school youth. They have added a QR code to their brochure that leads to an application online. Chris Strohl updated everyone with the Adult Ed. numbers of youth.

**Public Comment**

Elaine asked if anyone has any out-of-school youth leads, please let CEFS know. Kelly stated that there is a QR Code on the website that will take individuals to the application.

**Closing Remarks**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm. Kala Lambert made the motion, Chris Strohl seconded. Motion Carried.