

SWIC
Youth Committee
September 12, 2013
Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Conference Room 2
Indianapolis, IN 46204
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Present: Bill Stanczykiewicz, Mark Wuellner, Patrick Jamison, and Wayne Seybold

Also Present: Leslie Crist, Elizabeth Darby, Brittany Dougherty, Sue Honcharuk, and Cory Mahon of IDWD; Deb Waymire, Region 4; Becky Branham, Region 5; Karen Bailey, Region 6; Lisa Lee and Mike Smith, Region 7; Jim Heck, Region 11; and Bill Miller, Marion County

Absent: Kay Gordon, Cathy Metcalf, Renee Palmer, Dan Peterson, Brent Waltz, Kevin Wachtel, Alishea Hawkins, and Dr. Susan Lockwood

Leslie Crist and Bill Stanczykiewicz welcomed committee members and members of the public. Mr. Stanczykiewicz asked the members to review the June 13, 2013 meeting minutes.

Cory Mahon, Assessment Manager of DWD provided a brief update on the new high school equivalency assessment. CTB/McGraw-Hill to provide a new high school equivalency assessment that will replace the General Educational Development (GED®) test currently in use. The new test, which all Indiana providers will begin utilizing in 2014, is called the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC). TASC will be aligned to the College and Career Readiness Standards over the next few years and will gradually increase in rigor to better meet industry demand. In order to maintain accessibility, the new exam will continue to be offered in both paper and computer-based formats, ensuring Indiana's current network of providers, including correctional facilities, will not be disrupted. Next steps include presenting the resolution to the SWIC, working with the Education Review Committee on policies, meeting with CTB/McGraw-Hill, publish an FAQ online, and begin training staff.

[Mark Wuellner](#) spoke to the group as part of the strategic partnership spotlight. Mr. Wuellner is a member of the youth committee and is the Deputy Executive Director at the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. He discussed how the organization's activities create housing opportunities, prevent foreclosure, and are tied to community involvement. He discussed specific activities around homelessness including Connected by 5 for youth. Additionally, Mr. Wuellner highlighted partnerships with Department of Workforce Development, Department of Child Services, and Department of Education. He also provided information on the energy assistance program, section 8 housing, and the 23 community action programs around the state. Individuals can contact their township trustees or call 211 if they need additional information about local resources.

Deb Waymire the Chief Operations Officer for Region 4 discussed the region's Youth Council involvement in a region-wide project to grow advanced manufacturing. Ms. Waymire discussed the community focus, partnerships and investments focused on helping employers get the skilled workers they need. Individuals are participating in Certified Production Technician training with additional soft skill training and an interview fair. The Youth Council worked with staff and JAG students on a manufacturing publication. A manufacturing day was held and 75 youth toured four local manufacturing companies. Additional activities are planned to expose school counselors and parents to the local manufacturing opportunities.

Sue Honcharuk provided updates on Indiana's Jobs for America's Graduates program. Ms. Honcharuk celebrated the \$2.4 million in scholarships received by the JAG students. She noted that it was the top in the nation as Indiana continues to serve youth with the greatest need. JAG expansion plans continue with a majority of the schools up and running. Ms. Honcharuk recognized the regional efforts in getting schools signed up, staff hired and trained, and students enrolled. A few additional schools will start in January. The goal is to double the number of JAG students by the end of the next school year.

Brittany Dougherty provided a draft of the youth flow chart. Ms. Dougherty discussed the fields of the chart and the data within the fields. She shared that the team has been working with the individuals responsible for producing the adult flow for the Commissioner and SWIC to get clarification on the purpose and intent of the flow as well as definitions on the data. The committee suggested that the flow be for the time program year such as July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014. The flow will be shared with the committee twice a year rather than quarterly. In addition the flow will reflect new activity compared to total activity.

Leslie Crist discussed the next meeting will be December 2, 2013 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. It will not be a traditional youth committee meeting but will be training on the 40 Developmental Assets. There will also be an afternoon meeting for youth committee members and regional youth council members to discuss opportunities, challenges, and best practices with one another. Lastly the IYI Because Kids Count Conference is December 3 and 4.