

Youth Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday

May 16th, 2023

12:00 PM-2:00pm

Meeting Facilitator: Melissa Bias, Executive Director of Region 2 Workforce Investment Board

Present: Chairman Charles Shaw, Brian Hankins, Cheyenne Carbajal, Ashley Davis, Joy Ferguson, Katlan Maynard, Jill Goheen, Marc Sowards, Dane York, Dessa Fairchild, Tonya Wallace, Darius Booker, Chris Overstreet, Crystal Butcher, Westly Varney, Yvette Barrett, Samantha Page, R2WIB Staff Melissa Bias, Adam Warden, Heather Merritt, Burcu Delph, Jakki Jackson, and Jenifer Pritt. Attending Virtually was Morgan Rose.

Call to Order: Pastor Charles Shaw – Youth Chair

Welcome and Introductions:

- Introductions around the room were conducted to tell who they were and what organization they represented.

Minutes:

- There was a motion to approve the minutes for our last meeting on 04.18.23. Jill Goheen motioned to approve the minutes and Brian Hankins seconded the motion.

Guest Speaker:

- Charles introduced Dessa Fairchild with The Center as she shared her program and how they assist youth by providing them a safe space while assisting them on overcoming their barriers that they face in life.
- Charles Introduced Samantha Page from Marshall CORE. CORE Covers Cabell, Mason, Wood, Jackson, Putnam, Wayne, Lincoln. They focus on Recovery Employment for individuals in need. They focus on overcoming barriers for these individuals such as dental, clothing, transportation, and Family aspects. They also

provide Entrepreneurship workshops through Unlimited Future for individuals who want to start their own business.

Youth Presentation:

- Melissa presented her Youth Career Planners as they showcased the accomplishments of their youth and what the Youth Program has done to help youth enter different trainings and further their careers.

Updates:

- **RCBI was rebranded to Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center**
- **Med-Care Phlebotomy starting on June 12th and will alter hours for individuals that need to take the bus to attend.**
- **KISRA updated that they have been in High Schools in Kanawha County working with High School Students.**
- **Region 2 Provided updates on our Tutoring Program.**

Adjourned at 1:29pm

Respectfully Submitted by Raymond Adam Warden