

Youth Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday

September 26, 2023

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Huntington One-Stop Office

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

Present: Chairman Charles Shaw, Melissa Bias (Region 2 WIB), Heather Merrit (Region 2 WIB), Malissa Dishman (Region 2 WIB), Affiona Brown (Region 2 WIB), Burcu Delph (Region 2 WIB), Jakki Jackson (Region 2 WIB), Tammey Quinonez (Huntington Housing Authority), John Brown (Catholic Charities), Wesley Varney (MedCare), Tali Gaydosz (COTRAIC), Anna Dishman (Region 2 WIB Youth), Janey Gaither (Prestera), Danyon Hayward (Region 2 WIB Youth), and Clayton Hamilton (HRDF).

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 08.22.23. John Brown motioned to approve the minutes and Dylan Vogel seconded the motion.

Executive Director Report:

- Melissa Bias shared that Adam Warden, E.O. Officer/Financial Clerk, no longer works for Region 2 WIB; Malissa Dishman, Administrative Assistant Region 2 WIB, will now be taking the minutes.
- Melissa Bias shared that we are dealing with Generational Youth, Homeless Youth, people with disabilities, and an older population of people who need help from our One-Stop Partners.

Youth Presentations:

- **Affiona Brown** discussed progression of one of her youth, Hillary Muncy, who had no High School Diploma. Hillary graduated in February 2023 through our Youth Program using Penn Foster High School. Hillary completed a Work Experience Contract, in August 2023, through our Youth Program working with Mingo County Clerk's Office and is now enrolled in Med-Care taking Phlebotomy/MA training. Affiona also updated us on her Community Outreach visits. She went to Lily's Place, which has a Family Center and a Neonatal Accident Center. She also visited the Western Regional Co. Jail and the Western Regional Day Report Center reaching out to all of their youth.
- **Jakki Jackson** told us about her youth, Jacob Davenport, a High School drop-out, who chose to test and passed the Hi-set on his first try. He is now in our United States Armed Forces Training and has a bright future ahead. Jakki also introduced another youth, Anna Dishman, who is now working for Region 2 Workforce Investment Board through a Youth Work Experience Contract. Anna spoke to us and shared what all the youth program has been offering her, including the opportunity to be enrolled in the LPN Program at Collins Career Center beginning January 2024. Jakki also visited the Marcum Terrace Family Resource Center as her Community Outreach to their youth.
- **Burcu Delph** had a youth attend our youth council meeting, Danyon Hayward, who is currently in our Penn Foster program. He spoke, with Burcu's coaching, and informed us of his progress in the youth program. Burcu also has other youth who are working in Work Experience Contracts, and she told us about how progress is being made at their jobs. Burcu informed us of her Community Outreach at Golden Girls Home reaching out to their youth.

Updates:

- **Chase Bank will be offering financial assistance classes every Monday in October from 2pm-3pm.**

• ****The One-Stop Career Fair will be October 17th from 9am-3pm.****

Adjourned at 1:59pm

Respectfully Submitted by Malissa Dishman