

## **Indiana Dept of Workforce Development/Governor's Workforce Cabinet Youth Committee**

**October 3, 2018**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Chairperson Tami Silverman, Gretchen Gutman, Rob Moore (phone), Rachel Bryant (phone), Erika Cheney, Rodney Francis, Ben Carter, Nathan Storm, Mike Slocum, Barbie Martin, Jonathan Kraeszig, Sarah Sailors (for Rhonda Allen)

DWD Staff: Leslie Crist (phone), Brianna Morse, Laura Wheeler, Chris Fitzgerald, Christine Shaffer, Beth Marshall

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Tami Silverman. Members introduced themselves and the organization they work for.

Ms. Silverman asked Brianna Morse to speak about the focus of the group, including oversight duties of the JAG Indiana program, Governor's Work Ethic Certificate program and input on best practices and goals of the committee.

Ms. Morse described the JAG Indiana program and Governor Holcomb's expansion goals. Membership discussed DWD's efforts to date on program expansion and concerns regarding funding, marketing and outreach, school cost-sharing and overall program buy-in from interesting stakeholders.

Brianna speaking on JAG about the partnerships and if anyone has concerns or any oversight. Brianna asked if there are questions on what is going on in JAG.

DCS representative Sarah Sailors requested additional information on the JAG program that can be shared with family case workers.

Ms. Gutman proposed that the Committee focus equal amount of effort on out-of-school youth, specifically in the form of best practice sharing and additional oversight of the regional programs and connection to adult education and other referral organizations.

Mr. Francis was able to share information with members on the out-of-school youth programs in Marion County. Ms. Silverman suggested we further examine the Marion County re-engagement program then start taking action in other counties.

Ms. Gutman suggested Goodwill should be considered for additional membership, since they provide direct service to youth. Inviting probation staff to a future meeting was also suggested.

Chairperson Silverman asked membership to consider the committee's goals and priorities and then determine the allocation of meetings and time to each topic. Ms. Silverman states that we all understand what the needs are of our Hoosier youth; the committee should focus efforts on impacting those issues.

Additional discussion on JAG expansion, funding and the timeline from Ms. Cheney and Ms. Morse. Mr. Kraeszig informed members of the requirements and opportunity to utilize Vocational Rehabilitation Pre-Employment Transition funds, which are limited to services for students with disabilities.

Ms. Morse discussed DWD's intent to employ a fundraiser who would focus on funding requests for JAG expansion, which is part of a 7-9 year goal of 250 additional programs. Ms. Gutman suggested involving the local economic development organizations also participate in expansion discussions.

Ms. Silverman and DWD staff reviewed some of the barriers to implementation of the Governor's expansion goal.

Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed information included in the committee's packet regarding the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate, including the student required criteria, school advisory board and 2018 outcomes. At this time, there are 160 participating schools for 2019. Ms. Gutman raised questions regarding collaboration between GWEC and DOE and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars program.

Members discussed next steps and future meetings, which included a focus on out-of-school youth services and overall DWD agency updates and pertinent legislation. Future meetings will occur quarterly. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am by Chairperson Silverman.