

Yavapai County Workforce Development Board (WDB)

Youth Council

April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Present/Absent	Number of Absences in 2022
Mel Ingwaldson, Chairman	Present	0
Corey Marshall, Vice-Chairman	Present	0
Linda Brannock	Present	0
Rich Ormond	Absent *	1
Nancy Jensen	Present	0

Staff: Leah Cickavage, Operations Manager, NACOG

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Ingwaldson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All members were welcomed to the Zoom Youth Council meeting.

II. Approval of October 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Ingwaldson called for questions or comments on the meeting minutes from the last Youth Council meetings held on October 12, 2021. Hearing none, he called for a **motion and second to approve the minutes as drafted; so moved by Ms. Brannock, seconded by Mr. Marshall. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. Chairman's Report

Chairman Ingwaldson reviewed the Youth Council's Scope of Work. The mission statement "Leader of innovative partnership and services that support sustainable opportunities in Yavapai County" was read. Chairman Ingwaldson focused on goals and priorities identified, and went around the floor for suggestions and opportunities for membership and presentations for outreach. Chairman Ingwaldson will look into an opportunity with another member of Local 469 that works on IT and Apprenticeship opportunities. Ms. Cickavage stated working on opportunities for membership with Yavapai County Free Library District and Division of Child Safety. Ms. Jensen stated will reach out to Launchpad, CCRT, Boys and Girls Club and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Ms. Brannock will connect with Church Youth Groups/Hopefest that work with teen populations. Mr. Marshall will reach out to CASA. Updates on each will be presented at our next Youth Council meeting.

IV. Operations Manager Report

Ms. Cickavage began her report, identifying 73 In School Youth and 129 Out of School Youth. Focus continues to be 75% Out of School and 25% In School Youth. Youth outreach updates included Yavapai College Adult Education, Arizona Friends of Foster Youth, Department of Child Services, Family Involvement Center, PASS Shelter, Education facilities, news/media, Yavapai Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Launchpad, Job Fairs, Yavapai County Economic Resource Alliance, and Yavapai County Free Library District.

Ms. Cickavage continued and reported planned outreach efforts with high school seniors, online high school counselors, youth church groups, Launchpad, CTED/VACTE, low income housing, social media/radio events, current enrolled participants, YMCA, Cottonwood Rec Center, Cottonwood Youth Advisory Committee.

Ms. Cickavage provided a summary of youth activities ranging from employment/education in the healthcare industry, administrative, cosmetologists/aestheticians, CDL, fire science, accounting, phlebotomy, electricians, custodial/maintenance, retail/customer service, HSE training, manufacturing technicians, construction, culinary and education.

Ms. Cickavage provided a summary of the 2022 Summer Youth Program. This year, we will continue focus on enrolling primarily out of school youth. Youth will be paid up to \$15.00 an hour, with an earning potential of \$4,800 for an 8 week period. Trainings can be extended for an additional 4 weeks, and have the opportunity to roll into an On the Job Training, if applicable. The program will run 6/6-7/29/22, employer and youth orientation will be 6/1/22. Employer solicitations will be sent out for worksite agreements. Employers will be encouraged to nominate youth for employee of the week awards, where youth will earn a certificate and gift card. Year round services will be promoted to all youth that enroll.

Members discussed how they may play a part in the Summer Youth Program. Members would be open to attending orientation and employee of the week awards if applicable.

V. Member Comments

Chairman Ingwaldson asked for member comments. Ms. Cickavage reminded members to refer youth to NACOG for the Summer Youth Program now to complete enrollment.

VI. Public Comments

Chairman Ingwaldson called for public comments; no public comments were made.

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Ingwaldson called for a motion to adjourn, **so moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Ms. Jensen. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Ingwaldson adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.**