

## Yavapai County Workforce Development Board (WDB)

### Youth Council

### July 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Present/Absent	Number of Absences in 2020
Mel Ingwaldson, Chairman	Present	0
Corey Marshall, Vice-Chairman	Absent	2
Linda Brannock	Present	0
Janae Ottis	Present	0
Rich Ormond	Present (by phone)	0
Kristy Prather	Present (by phone)	0

**Staff:** Leah Cickavage, Operations Manager, NACOG

#### I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Ingwaldson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Ingwaldson welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made around the table. A quorum was present.

#### II. Approval of January 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Ingwaldson called for questions or comments on the meeting minutes from the last Youth Council meeting held on January 14, 2020. Hearing none, he called for a **motion and second to approve the minutes as drafted; so moved by Ms. Brannock, seconded by Mr. Ormond. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### III. Chairman's Report

Review and discussion of Janae Ottis' application and called for a motion. **Ms. Brannock moved to approve and Ms. Prather seconded. Unanimous approval.** The Council welcomed Ms. Ottis.

#### IV. Operations Manager Report

Ms. Cickavage reported currently there are 46 In School Youth, 74 Out of School Youth for a total of 120 youth enrolled. Current outreach has been provided to shelters, Project Aware, community resource centers, teen pregnancy/parenting, low income housing and teen centers for their participating youth for summer and year round opportunities. All local school districts and colleges have been contacted to reach out for the graduating youth in December to assist with their future career goals. Juvenile and Adult Probation staff met with to discuss services, provided flyers for youth involved in the justice system. Adult Basic Education orientations have been successful with enrolling youth for the GED testing and furthering their education and employment goals.

Ms. Cickavage reported due to COVID-19, we have loaded a virtual orientation on our [www.yavapaiatwork.com](http://www.yavapaiatwork.com) website. Current radio ads have been running regarding youth services. Planned outreach will continue a focus on out of school youth, online and alternative high school options, case management with currently enrolled youth, and foster care agencies.

Ms. Cickavage noted current employment and educational training for youth has been in the medical, IT, fire science, maintenance, and cosmetology, culinary, marketing, and manufacturing industries. The Summer Youth Employment and Training Program has been successful this year with 25 positions across 10 employers in Yavapai County. Positions included Maintenance, Administrative, IT Technicians, Court Interns, Library Aides, Fire Fighter Trainees, Public Works, Fleet Management, and Marketing. Staff will continue case management with youth for next steps in their education and career goals.

Discussion occurred regarding unemployment during COVID, and the Workforce Development Board Annual Retreat Awards.

Ms. Cickavage asked for ideas on continued youth outreach strategies. Ms. Brannock mentioned continuing outreach to those in high school nearing graduation and posting information at the YMCA. Ms. Prather stated possibly having links to services on high school websites would be helpful during these times; Ms. Prather will check into options available. Ms. Ottis thought attending events by the courthouse in Prescott would attract youth, once events were back in progression.

**V. Member Comments**

Chairman Ingwaldson asked for member comments. Mr. Ormond mentioned Prescott College is planning to open up in person teaching with social distancing and face coverings. Ms. Brannock stated Yavapai College plans to open but have not confirmed anything at this time.

**VI. Public Comments**

Chairman Ingwaldson called for public comments and there were none.

**VII. Adjournment**

**Chairman Ingwaldson called for a motion to adjourn, so moved by Ms. Brannock, seconded by Mr. Ormond. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Ingwaldson adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.**