

Yavapai County Workforce Development Board (WDB)

Youth Council April 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Present/Absent	Number of Absences in 2021
Mel Ingwaldson, Chairman	Absent	1
Corey Marshall, Vice-Chairman	Absent	2
Linda Brannock	Present	0
Janae Ottis	Present	0
Rich Ormond	Present	0
Nancy Jensen	Present	0
Kristy Prather	Absent	2

Staff: Leah Cickavage, Operations Manager, NACOG

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Brannock called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

II. Approval of January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

III. Chairman's Report

A Chairman's report was not provided at this meeting.

IV. Operations Manager Report

Ms. Cickavage provided an update on youth enrollments for the current program year. Currently there are 52 In School Youth and 96 Out of School Youth, totaling to 148 youth. Outreach efforts have included Prescott Area Young Professionals, Youth Resource Forum, CASA, Launch Pad, Keys to Success Program, Judge Anna Young/Juvenile Justice Center, Yavapai County Community Restitution, Hideaway Arcade, Chambers, Verde Academic Career and Technical Education, military recruiters, and contact tracing.

Ms. Cickavage reported on current youth engagement activities that include Certified Nursing Assistant, Caregivers, Administrative, Facility Maintenance, Cosmetologists/aestheticians, High

School Equivalency, Insurance Agents, Fire Fighters, Police Officers, Customer Service, Commercial Drivers, and Construction.

Ms. Cickavage provided an overview of this year's Summer Youth Employment and Training Program plan, anticipating enrollment of 20-25 youth for 8 weeks running from June 14th – July 31, 2021. Staff continue to work with youth after the summer program has ended to help plan next steps towards employment and educational opportunities.

Ms. Jensen complemented the report and suggested reaching out to the Prescott and Prescott Valley libraries. Ms. Brannock asked about the deadlines for youth applications; Ms. Cickavage responded that youth may apply now for summer opportunities and we will continue to meet with youth into June 2021 for enrollment for summer employment and can meet with youth anytime for year-round services, with orientations to those interested offered one on one, weekly at Prescott and Cottonwood locations and online.

Ms. Jensen asked if the focus will be on In School Youth or Out of School Youth. Ms. Cickavage defined the regulations of 75/25 percentage on Out of School and In School Youth as well as the definition of each. Employers that will participate this year will be finalized next month.

Ms. Cickavage moved on to discuss outreach opportunities. Ms. Jensen suggested another opportunity may be with the Northern Arizona Wranglers having options to present information, banners and more.

Ms. Cickavage concluded her report.

V. Member Comments

Ms. Brannock asked for member comments; no member comments were made.

VI. Public Comments

Ms. Brannock called for public comments; no public comments were made.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Brannock called for a motion to adjourn, so moved by Ms. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Ormond. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Brannock adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m.