



NEMO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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**NEMO Workforce Development Board
YOUTH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes**

December 8, 2022 10:00 AM

PRESENT

Youth Council Members

Melissa Layman – DESE/Vocation Rehabilitation
Mark Chambers – Moberly Area Community College
Jim Kolve – AFL-CIO Dislocated Workers

GUESTS

Ruth Whitis, Gamm, Inc.

Workforce Development Board Staff

Diane Simbro

NOT PRESENT

Youth Council Members

Whitney Kertz, Westran School District
Shannon Hinson, AEL MACC
Kristin Mosley, MACC ADA
Polly Matteson, Career Pathways
Donna Dunwoody, Moberly Housing Authority
Stephanie Cooper, Douglass Community Services
Michael Purol, NEMO WDB Chair
Will Hays, LOQW
Kristin Plunkett, Probation and Parole Officer II
State of Missouri

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The December 8, 2022 Youth Council Meeting was conducted at approximately 10:00 a.m. electronically through Zoom. Chairperson Mark Chambers presided.

ROLL CALL AND SIGNATURE SHEET

Roll call was taken. Three members participated and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Melissa Layman moved to accept the agenda and minutes. Mark Chambers seconded so the Agenda and Minutes were approved.

PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Director Brent Stevens was unable to attend but Diane reported that the PY21 Performance has been finalized and the NE Region exceeded all measures for the Youth Program and congratulated the providers for a job well done.

YOUTH SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES/REPORTS

- **Boonslick Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)**

Jenn Weber has resigned as Workforce Director and Dawn Mowery was hired for that position. Dawn comes to us from Division of Social Services and brings great experience in workforce and social services. We will look forward to her report next meeting.

Gamm, Inc.

Ruth Whitis reviewed the report for Gamm, Inc. Please see below for enrollment/budget information.

WIOA In-School Youth Participants Budget	\$ 97,101.89	
Operational YTD Expenses	\$ 13,638.52	25%
ISY Participants YTD Expenses	\$ 2,582.87	0%
Remaining Budget	\$ 80,880.50	
Active enrolled- 11		
Work Experience YTD New Enrolled: 4- 5 spots open to fill		
WIOA Out-of School Youth Participants Budget	\$ 66,667.00	
Operational YTD Expenses	\$ 22,642.91	48%
OSY Participants YTD Expenses	\$ 2,555.22	13%
Remaining Budget	\$ 41,468.87	

Active enrolled- 6		
Scholars Enrolled YTD: 4- 4 spots left to fill		

Summer Jobs League Budget- Kirksville	\$ 22,500.00	
Operational YTD Expenses	\$ 3,138.95	29%
SJL Participants YTD Expenses	\$ 5,797.50	49%
Remaining Budget	\$ 13,563.55	
Enrolled YTD: 1- no spots left		
Summer Jobs League Budget- Hannibal	\$ 22,500.00	
Operational YTD Expenses	\$ 3,336.86	31%
SJL Participants YTD Expenses	\$ 868.29	7%
Remaining Budget	\$ 18,294.85	
Active Enrolled YTD: 4- no spots left to fill		

Great discussion followed regarding future funding for youth programs. Ruth stated that they have area schools and other employers who are anxious to work with them to train youth, but we do not have the funds to enroll the number of youth needed to fill their needs. She said Mandy McClanahan from Kirksville Job Center/GAMM has been doing outreach to schools and finding a great need is present. Ruth stated their TANF Job League money will soon be 100% obligated so hoping more funding will be available so more students are able to be enrolled.

She said most of their enrollees are either participating in Scholars at Work, which is a work experience that pays the student to attend HiSet classes and BEST. These have been very successful programs in NE Region but funding is needed to grow these programs.

The Youth Build Grant that is now open was discussed. This is a Department of Labor Grant that is offering \$90 million to support pre-apprenticeships in high-demand industries including construction, healthcare, information technology and hospitality, which fall into the Board sector strategy targeted occupations. They will fund approximately 75 projects nationwide with individual grants ranging from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million. The grant prioritizes quality jobs, green building, and community violence intervention. Diane said she will speak with Brent to see if NE will be able to submit an application. NW region Youth Provider has this grant from previous years. This grant is due February 7, 2023. There is a cost sharing/matching requirement for this grant of 25%. The grant period of performance for this FOA is 40 months, including a four-month planning period and a twelve-month follow-up period. The website for more info is <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20221130>

Also, Diane mentioned a great resource for Youth through Workforce GPS. They have a monthly Youth Connections newsletter you can subscribe to that includes Grant Opportunities and examples of how other states/regions are working with Youth. The link is <https://youth.workforcegps.org/>. The main website is <https://www.workforcegps.org/>. You should register (free) and you have access to the entire site, which holds a wealth of information and offers free webinars/training.

OTHER BUSINESS – SHARING OF CONCERNS/NEEDS OF AREA YOUTH

Melissa Layman said they will be starting up their recruitment/application process for Summer Work after the first of the year. She said they have had no issues with filling the spots in the past years.

Jim talked about the Build My Future Event which was extremely successful in Macon this year with over 1500 high school students attending. The group is already beginning the planning for the next event. Mark Chambers said he has spoken with 6 students regarding enrollment in Moberly Area Community College as a result of the event. Jim said it took a large, very active committee to pull this off. Diane reported that the surveys are in process and we will have more detail to share later, but there were students that decided construction was not for them and there were many that changed their minds about the construction field after they were able to participate and see all of the different jobs included.

Jim spoke about a program “Interplay Learning”. (www.interplaylearning.com) that offers virtual learning in trades skills and develop career paths. Some examples are EPA 608 Certification, OSHA 10, The group agreed that this might be something that would help prepare our youth so more exploration would be done to see what the cost per student would be and also if this would be approved by ETPS.

NEXT MEETING DATE/LOCATION

The next meeting is TBD but will most likely fall in February/March.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Kolve moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mark Chambers seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 am.