

**JEFFERSON/FRANKLIN CONSORTIUM
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
April 14, 2025, Minutes**

The Jefferson/Franklin Consortium Youth Committee held a virtual meeting on April 14, 2025. The meeting was called to order by David Crump.

Those in attendance included David Crump, Tiffany Horn, Hilary Wagner, Alice Whalen, Julie Johns, and Lora Warner. Interested parties in attendance were Samantha Roberson, Jane Kost, Trish Davids, Stephanie Hemby, Maggie Peetz, and Leanna Eckhoff.

Lora Warner made the motion, seconded by Julie Johns, to approve the minutes of September 9, 2024, (Agenda Item III). Motion carried.

David Crump was nominated to continue to serve as the Youth committee chairperson for another one-year term by Alice Whalen and seconded by Lora Warner (Agenda Item IV). Motion carried.

David Crump reviewed Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement (Agenda Item V). Attestation forms will be sent via DocuSign.

Leanna Eckhoff gave the Monitoring and Oversight reports (Agenda Item VI(a-c).) as follows:

- a. Current Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program Year (PY) 2024 (7/01/24 – 6/30/25) performance
- b. Equal Opportunity monitoring
- c. Youth monitoring

Jane Kost reviewed the Jefferson/Franklin Consortium PY' 24 (7/01/24 – 6/30/25) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Funding (Agenda Item VII). Julie Johns made the motion, seconded by Lora Warner, to accept WIOA funding when allocated in concurrence with the Local WDB. Motion carried.

Jane Kost discussed WIOA service provider contract extension (Agenda Item VIII). Lora Warner made the motion, seconded by Alice Whalen, to make a recommendation to Workforce Development Board to exercise the first option to extend and issue a new one-year contract to MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries for WIOA Title I Youth staffing for PY'25. WIOA service provider contract amounts are contingent on PY'25 funding availability. Hilary Wagner abstained. Motion carried.

Lora Warner presented information on the free Bio-Tech bootcamp that will be held in July at Jefferson College. This program will allow students aged 16 and older to get hands-on experience with entry level skills. (Agenda Item IX).

Samantha Roberson presented information on the consortium Registered Apprenticeship (RA) grant. The goal is to place 1600 individuals into RAs in teaching, nursing, and manufacturing. Mercy is an employer partner for the nursing RA, DRS Marlo is an employer partner for the manufacturing RA, and the five participating colleges as well as high schools are employer partners for the teaching RA. It was requested that the informational flyers be shared. (Agenda Item X).

Trish Davids discussed the WIOA Youth programs and recent outreach efforts at the local high schools and community colleges. The WIOA team is also working with the transition team at Vocational Rehabilitation to find employment opportunities for youth with disabilities. (Agenda Item XI).

Youth Partner updates (Agenda Item XII) were presented as follows:

- a. East Central College AEL – 2 new staff are participating in the teaching RA. AEL graduation is May 17, 2025, with 60 students participating.
- b. Jefferson College – The first cohort of CNA is near completion. The staff also provide career services to both credit and non-credit students.
- c. Jefferson College AEL – 157 students enrolled this year and 42 are eligible for graduation being held on May 22, 2025. 71% of AEL students have expressed interest in furthering their education.
- d. Jefferson County Juvenile Office – the local office received a grant, \$5000, that will pay restitution to victims if the youth offender completes the required community service.

The next Youth Committee meeting will be held on September 8, 2025.