

**Jefferson Parish Workforce Development Board  
Youth Committee Meeting  
Thursday, July 20, 2023  
Joseph S. Yenni Building  
Delgado River City Campus  
709 Churchill Pkwy., Avondale, LA 70094  
10:00am**

- I. Welcome** – Tom Jones called the meeting to order.  
Board Members Present: Lisa Barback, LaDinah Carter, Aldo Duron, Leigh Hallas, Tom Jones, Andy O'Brien, Kate Wendel  
Members Absent: Toya Crosby, Danielle Garrett, Theresa Lawrence, Jerry Repka II, Robert Senior, Christine Vo, Arlanda Williams  
Others Present: Darrel Lewis, Nedra McKinney, Deanna Stewart, Frances Turner, Dr. Vanessa Zimmerman
- II. Approval of Minutes-** Quorum was not met to render a vote on this item. This will be voted on at the next meeting.
- III. PY23/FY24 WIOA Allocation**  
Frances Turner briefly discussed the PY23/FY24 WIOA Allocation. She stated that all areas in the state of Louisiana have received overall massive cuts. Our operations were cut by \$441,000. The new allocation expires June 30, 2025. The new allocation will affect the amount of training we can provide to individuals. A discussion was held regarding CDL Drivers and facilitating a job fair just for drivers.
- IV. American Job Center Update** – Frances Turner discussed the Performance Measures. She briefly went over each quarter (referencing a handout in the packet) showing the areas where we did not meet the negotiated goal. A discussion was held regarding case management and employment once participants complete training. Tom Jones discussed the AJC Coordinator Position. He stated that it's currently narrowed down to two candidates.
- V. One Stop Operator Update** - Darrel Lewis stated that we have the Partner Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that is signed by everyone including Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) which is good until 2025. He discussed the Training Provider MOU's and stated we are currently identifying Training Providers who want to participate in the program as well. Darrel Lewis also discussed On-the-Job Training (OJT) and mentioned the upcoming Informational Session.
- VI. Summer Initiative Update** - Frances Turner gave a brief update on the progress with the Summer Initiative. She stated that out of 102 applicants who initially applied for our Summer Youth Initiative, only 52 showed up for the orientation and we ended up with 40 youth who were eligible and enrolled. Our youth participated in workshops every Friday which included, Leadership Development, Entrepreneurship, Counseling and Mentoring Services. They also received industry-based credentials for Guest Services and Front Desk Operators. The Committee was invited to attend the Culminating Event on August 4, 2023 at the Alario Center. She also stated we will do some Touch Points with the in-school youth who were enrolled for the summer program. A discussion was also held regarding the caterers that were providing lunches, which were Chick-Fil-A and Couzan's Barbecue.

**VII. Upcoming Initiatives** – Frances Turner mentioned the Hurricane Ida Grant ends on August 25, 2023 and we need to locate other opportunities for those participants who were working under this Grant.

**VIII. Open Discussion/Other Business** – No other Business

Tom Jones requested a motion to adjourn  
Lisa Barback moved to adjourn.  
Andy O'Brien Seconded the motion.

**OPPOSED 0 YEAS 7 ABSTAINED 0 ABSENT 7**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**