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## **UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 20, 2020 3:30 P.M. Virtual Meeting**

### **Guests Present:**

Ms. Ann Angermeier  
Mr. Brent Bishop  
Ms. Kathy Bell  
Ms. Helen Merriweather  
Ms. Michelle Hawkins  
Ms. Nikoya Shaw  
Ms. Dana Wood  
Ms. Susan Griffin

### **Committee Members Present:**

Ms. Lisa Hannon  
Mr. Evander Thomas  
Ms. Erin Black  
Mr. David Wall  
Mr. Tony Henderson  
Ms. Theresa Perry  
Mr. Bill Brasington  
Mr. Curtis Anderson  
Ms. Carolyn Rutherford

### **Welcome:**

Ms. Lisa Hannon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

### **Financial Update:**

Mr. Brent Bishop, UWB CFO, reviewed the March youth program budget reports with the committee. He reported that the only item needing clarification was staff salary on the YouthStop budget report. District 6 will cover any overage as they are tracking ahead of schedule. Mr. Bishop shared that both programs are tracking well with spending structure and are ahead of schedule with work experiences.

### **Youth Program Reports/Dashboards:**

Both programs gave reports on their operations in light of COVID-19. Ms. Helen Merriweather, ACHIEVE Director, reported that students are continuing their work online. She shared that staff are delivering packets to students and are following COVID-19 precautions such as social distancing. She reported that students have been participating in virtual Career Readiness and ResCare classes. Ms. Merriweather expressed that their main goal is to keep students motivated and engaged until Adult Education opens for GED testing. There are roughly 14 students ready to test.

Ms. Kathy Bell, YouthStop Director, reported that things have been going well despite COVID-19. She shared that there will be a mental health workshop on Thursday, April 23, 2020. She also shared that the program is working on a resolution to provide students access to technology so they can attend virtual trainings/ workshops at home. Ms. Michelle Hawkins, YouthStop Associate Director, shared that the program currently has two students participating in virtual work experiences.

**Fall Construction Career Fair/Skills USA Competition**

Ms. Dana Wood, UWB Associate Director, shared that the Skills USA competition was cancelled. She mentioned that the committee may look at doing a separate construction fair in the future.

**Other Business**

Ms. Ann Angermeier, UWB Executive Director, shared that the summer STEM Camp will be postponed until next year due to the strain on local employers.

**Adjournment**

With no further business or discussion from the floor, the meeting was adjourned 3:55 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held June 15, 2020.**