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Subject: Notes from Kay Tracy/Youth Team Update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 1/24/24

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Federal Programs:

A. WIOA Youth Program

- 1. NEW DOL Guidance/TEGL expected SOON re: working with undocumented individuals under WIOA.**
- 2. Preliminary PY23 WIOA Youth Performance Data Summary:** issued by Youth Team in separate message (data in FutureWorks as of 1/13/24). DOL asking states and WDAs: **do not wait until the 4th quarter to enter Measurable Skills Gains (MSG) for PY23 WIOA Youth.** The MSG performance measure is getting additional scrutiny: DOL believes that states/WDAs are under-reporting MSGs. **If you identify issues with your local data, please follow up with Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us.**
- 3. Action Item: PY22 WIOA Youth funds: 91% expended or obligated statewide, as of 11/30/23.** If the WDA requires a modification to continue to spend SFY22 WIOA Youth funds beyond March 31, 2024, advise Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us and she will forward the required forms for a one-quarter extension to 6/30/24.

4. **Action Item: PY23 WIOA Youth Funds: 50% expended or obligated, as of 11/30/23.** WDAs have until June 30, 2024, to **expend or obligate 80%** of their PY23 WIOA Youth funds, per federal law. WDAs may request a waiver to the 20% carry over limit. E-mail waiver requests to attention of Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us -- asking for waiver to the 20% carryover limit and providing justification. The waiver will be included with the WDA's approved Local Youth Plan update.
5. **Action Item: WDAs Have Option To Include 2 WIOA Youth Specific Waivers in Local Youth Plan Updates for PY24 WIOA:** No change from PY23. WDAs have flexibility to include two WIOA Youth Waiver Requests in their PY24 Local Youth Plan Updates: 1) Reduce the Out of School Youth Expenditure Rate to 60% if the WDA serves In School Youth under WIOA who meet DOL's definition of Homeless Youth and/or Foster Youth (**7 WDAs adopted in PY23**); and 2) Use Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for In School Youth, in addition to Out of School Youth; local policy must be approved by the LWDB (**8 WDAs adopted in PY23**).
6. **Action Item: Local Youth Plan Narrative Updates Due on April 12, 2024:** instructions for updating Local Youth Plans **issued by Youth Team on 12/8/23**. Early submittals welcome. Follow up to WIOA Youth Key Provisions Review, nationwide: **DOL will not permit states/WDAs to apply Adult/DW Support Services restrictions to youth. DOL expects to see WDA-level, YOUTH-specific Support Services Policies (e.g. developed to address the needs of youth).** SAMPLE WDA-level Youth Support Services Policies (acceptable to DOL) posted on DEED's WIOA Youth webpage, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/resources/>.

B. TANF Youth Program (funded through Interagency Agreement with DHS):

1. **2023 TANF Youth Project: reminder to enter all data in Workforce One as soon as possible if you have not already done so.** This includes 2023 enrollments, activities, expenditures, case notes, etc. We will be preparing the final invoice to DHS to close out the project soon. Also, please submit the **2023 TANF Youth Project Final report to Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us by 1/31/24.** The report template can be found on the TANF Youth webpage: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2023-tanf-youth-project-template_tcm1045-587694.doc.
2. **2024 TANF Youth Project:** DHS is finalizing the Interagency Agreement (IA) amendment to provide 2024 funding. ALL 2024 TANF Youth service providers have submitted 2024 plans – we will be in touch if changes are needed to the plans once we receive the IA from DHS. Questions? Please follow up with: Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Youth Program (MYP)

- C. **SFY25 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) Allocations:** issued by Youth Team on 12/8/23, including BLANK MYP Budget Form. **The total amount of funding available for the SFY25 MYP is \$8.477 million (\$4.427 million supplemental is already included in DEED's base allocation).** WDAs/MYP service providers have the option to use up to 20% of their SFY25 MYP allocations on Outreach to Schools (OTS) activities. For more information on the OTS component of MYP, see the MYP webpage: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/youth-programs/youth-program.jsp>.
- D. **The SFY23 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) Annual Report:** accessible version posted on MYP webpage: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2023-minnesota-youth-annual-report-acc_tcm1045-607197.pdf.

- E. The SFY25 Youthbuild allocation is \$2.093 million (the \$1.09 million supplemental is already included in DEED's base allocation). **Planning Instructions for the SFY25 Youthbuild Program issued on 1/5/24.** Questions? Please follow up with Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.
- F. The SFY23 Youthbuild Annual Report is posted on the Youthbuild webpage: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/youthbuild-annual-2023-acc_tcm1045-606357.pdf

Youth Competitive Grants:

- G. The SFY22-23 Youth at Work Required Legislative Report is posted to the DEED website, see: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2023-youth-at-work_tcm1045-606689.pdf.
- H. The SFY25 Youth at Work allocation is \$7,075,000: supplemental funding for SFY25/Year 2 is already included in DEED's base allocation. **Planning Instructions for the SFY25/Year 2 Youth at Work Grants released on 1/19/24.** Please submit Youth at Work workplans/budgets to Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us by 3/15/24.
- I. SFY24 Youth at Work Grantees: **see message from 1/19/24, if you need a modification or extended SFY24 contract end date.** Questions? Please follow up with: Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.
- J. SFY25 Youth Support Services allocation is \$475,000 -- the Year 2 funds are already included in DEED's base allocation. **Planning Instructions for the SFY25/Year 2 Youth Support Services Grants will be issued soon.** The SFY23 Youth Support Services Annual Report is posted, see: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2023-youth-support-services_tcm1045-606800.docx. Questions? Please follow up with: Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.
- K. Robotics Teams and STEM Internships – Introductory webinar held 1/18. Contract set up in progress. Questions? Please follow up with: Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

If questions on Youth Programs, please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us or Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us or Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us or Kathy.Young@state.mn.us or Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us or Larry.Eisenstadt@state.mn.us.

Thanks for your cooperation --

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