

team at the state level. The first finding was that EDSI had " paused" enrollments during Q2 after the overspending in Q1. The second finding was a lack of signage at the Nashville AJC, which has since been taken care of. As a result, an intensive corrective action plan has been created. Marla and Chairman Zobl met with the CEO of EDSI and invited him to be at the Board meeting.

Target Populations

Andrea then gave a brief overview of the Tennessee Youth Employment Program operations. This program is an addition to previous years' employment programs. The only criteria for the TYEP is that the participants must be between 14-24. By the end of August, the original estimated goal was to serve 500 youth, and we currently have around 340 enrolled. Because of this overwhelming success, additional funds will be awarded along with a new goal of around 575 youth enrolled by June 2025. Chris West applauded the efforts made to enroll so many youth in such a short timeframe. Marla pointed out that Workforce Essentials has strategically hired four temporary employees to assist EDSI with the caseload so that EDSI can focus on their KPIs.

Marla proceeded with a brief update on the SCSEP program. The National Council on Aging (NCOA) recently went through a new procurement and will award the contract to Workforce Essentials again if the NCOA resecures the federal grant. Andrea then mentioned that the six participants from the first Titan's Project class graduated the previous Friday and were offered jobs.

WIOA Plan

Marla detailed that she will present the WIOA plan to the state board in a few weeks. This plan will primarily focus on labor force participation rates, staff development and training, and employer services. She will speak about this plan in more detail at the Board meeting.

Adjourn

Marla reminded them that the next Board meeting at the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce would be on May 8, 2024. Freda Herndon adjourned the committee meeting.