



Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING NOTES

November 4, 2008 - 8:37-10:00 AM

Hillyard Center

4410 N Market

Anne Lockwood – Note Taker

Dawn Karber & John Serben - Editors

Members in Attendance:

Andrew Arganbright–Kemper
Auto, A Unitrin Business

Linda Duncan-Purcell
Systems

Michael LeaderCharge-City
of Spokane Youth Services

John Serben-American
Medical Response

Bonnie Wagner-WSU Health
Education Center

Members Absent:

Gary Allen-Spokane Skills
Center

Kevin Managhan-Inland
Empire Electrical Training
Trust

Donna Dalzell-Department
of Vocational
Rehabilitation

Trina Miller-Community
Colleges of Spokane

Laura Foust-Job Corps

Mike Senske-Pearson
Packaging System

Kathleen Grier-Juvenile
Court

Lisa White-Spokane Public
Schools

Others Present:

Heather Adams-Jobcorps

Brian Brothers-IEL

Shannon Brucick-GSI

Bridget Cannon-VOA

Chris Cord – I-BEST Student

Trudie Duxbury-ESD101

Mandy Edwards-ESD101

Lynda Evans-WS/NGZ

Amanda Gauthier-ESD101

Edward Hansmeier-Youth

Cami Hanson-WS

Elisabeth Hooker-STCU

Cody Moore-ESD101

Tim O'Halloran-SPS

Shelly O'Quinn-GSI

Sean Pelfrey-WS

Heidi Peterson-WS/NGZ

Donna Shyron-I-BEST

Gary Smith-WSU

Marvin Sperber-DSHS/JRA

Candace Spitzer-DVR

Staff Present:

Dawn Karber – Youth Program and
Development Manager

Anne Lockwood – Secretary

INTRODUCTIONS/UPDATES

Elisabeth Barker, Spokane Teachers Credit Union –

- Elisabeth has been busy visiting a lot of class rooms teaching youth about financial issues.

Candace Spitzer, the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation –

- Candace has been busy being a liaison with the high schools and IEP.

Donna Syron, Manager of the I-BEST program –

- Donna has brought Chris Cord, who went through I-BEST program, to help with the presentation.

Mandy Edwards, ESD101 –

- Mandy is working on an AmeriCorps project.

Cody Moore, ESD101 –

- Cody is working with the Spokane Service Team to recruit high school students. The Spokane Service Team is different than SNAP. SNAP is a national non-profit organization, and SNAP is not widely known in the Spokane area yet.

Edward Hansmeier –

- Edward is working with kids.

Sean Pelfrey, WorkSource Spokane –

- Sean works with youth through the Business Solutions Team at the WorkSource Center.

Heather Adams, Job Corps –

- Heather is the administrator and outreach for the Job Corps program.

Cami Hanson, WorkSource –

- Cami is the WIA Program Operations Manager and oversees the WIA adult, dislocated worker, and youth programs.

Heidi Peterson, WorkSource/Next Generation Zone –

- Heidi has just been hired for the Manager position at the Next Generation Zone.

Michael LeaderCharge, City of Spokane Chase Youth Commission –

- Michael is accepting nominations for the Chase Youth awards.
- The Chase Youth Commission is working on a dropout summit and is having a difficult time finding a facility.
- The Chase Youth Commission will be having a lot going on in April and May of 2009.

Lynda Evans, WorkSource/Next Generation Zone –

- Lynda furnishes outreach to Spokane schools by holding training at the Next Generation Zone for career counselors. This training will help the counselors to be more attuned to what the businesses in the Spokane area need so they can hire youth.

There is a session November 14, 2008. Each session is half a day, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Wednesdays and Fridays are the best days for training at the Next Generation Zone, but Lynda can work around others schedules. Lynda is happy to make the training more specific to what counselor's need to know.

- Last year was the first year the Next Generation Zone had a GED classroom. It is open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

- The High school completion program at the Next Generation Zone is the same as the GED program. If a student is within 3 credits of graduating the Next Generation Zone will help the youth achieve a high school completion certificate. The student will still have to meet all the school requirements.
- The NET school is going to be up and running February 2, 2009, at the Spokane Skills Center this year. The NET school has been set up to help high school students who want to graduate with a diploma. NET does the credit retrieval and a contract with the student to finish their graduation requirements.

Dawn Karber, Youth Program & Development Manager, WDC –

- Dawn is working with Allied Healthcare Career Academy to prepare youth for a career in healthcare. Spokane Community College is working with the youth in the Allied Healthcare Career Academy to help merge the youth into colleges for further study of their chosen healthcare career field.
- ESD101 is applying for the Youthbuild Grant.
- The WDC has looked at applying for the Young Parents grant and the Dropout Youth Preventions grant.
- The WDC is working on a Regional Panning grant. If you are interested contact Dawn (dkarber@wdcspokane.com).

Lynda Duncan, Purcell Systems –

- Lynda is looking for ideas for youth projects that the INHSRM could work on.

Brian Brothers, IEL at the Hillyard Center –

- Brian is a GED counselor at the Hillyard center.

Marvin Sperber, State of Washington Juvenile Rehabilitation –

- The Juvenile Rehabilitation program has received a \$5,000 grant from the Bank of American to help start a mentor program.

Trudy Duxbury, Educational Service District 101 (ESD101) –

- Trudy works to unite paroled youth with resources when the youth get back into the community.

Shannon Brucick, Workforce Development, Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI), –

- Shannon is working on a career awareness campaign.

Bonnie Wagner, Washington State University –

- Bonnie is involved in a state wide evaluation plan for the Building Bridges Dropout Prevention Plan. The plan is working on a pipeline of activities for steering kids into the healthcare career field.

John Serben, Chair of the Spokane Area Youth Council –

- The format of the Youth Council meetings has changed.
 - Starting October every other month will be the Youth Council Executive Committee meeting. Everyone is welcome to come to the Executive Committee meeting, but the general topic of discussion will be the WIA funding for the youth program and the Next Generation Zone's performance.

- Starting in November every other month will be a Youth Council Community Partnership Meeting. Everyone is welcome to come and join in on the collaboration and support of community partnerships for youth.

UPDATE ON YOUTH COUNCIL (YC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Youth Council Executive Committee met last month start the process of expanding the Youth Council's focus towards the spending of WIA youth funds, federal and state performance goals, and Workforce Development Council issues.

I-BEST PRESENTATION:

The Community Colleges of Spokane is Spokane Community College (SCC), Spokane Falls Community College (SFCC), and the Institute for Extended Learning (IEL). SCC AND SFCC are institutions that award credits. IEL is a non credit institution. Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) is the melding of the credit and non-credit colleges.

Spokane is unique because our credit and non-credit institutions are spread throughout the Spokane area. Most of Washington State and the non credit and credit institutions are situated on the college campuses.

Students can start I-BEST without having HS diploma or GED, as long as they work on their GED while starting college. A student not going through I-BEST would not be able to start college without HS diploma or GED. .

The I-BEST program puts two instructors in each class. One who teaches the class and the other teacher to walk around and make sure the students in the class understand the lesson being taught. There is a study lab that is set up to work on a students GED and the content of the classes the students are taking.

Brian Brothers - Counselor at Hillyard IEL Center-GED

The IEL Center works with students 16 or older. A student has to get a release from the school district for IEL to work with the student to get their GED. A student's reading level is the key to how well they do on the GED tests. There are scholarships for people who can not pay for the GED tests. The GED tests run \$15 per test

IEL has a college prep program for students who have finished their GED and not ready to take college classes. The College Prep class is also for the students not doing well in college. Reading, math, and writing can be very discouraging for people who haven't been in school for awhile. It is a structured class where students do term papers, use the library, math, computer, writing skills. You have to have a high school diploma or GED to get into this program. Tuition is \$25.00 for this program and there are scholarships to help defray the costs as well.

The College Prep program is first come first served entry until the class is full. A class is run every quarter and there are twenty students per class

Susan-IEL Hillyard Center-Before I-BEST

Susan works with students before they enter the I-BEST program. Students must have 3 of the GED tests under their belt before going to I-BEST classes. If a student is on TANF or WorkFirst they will get a referral from the case manager.

Students are usually low to moderate income. Each classroom has 25 students and usually runs two classes per quarter. I-Best works the best with people who are hands on learners and are not successful in a regular classroom.

There are five I-BEST programs to date:

- Early childhood
- Social services tech
- Office skills
- Medical/legal office skills

Chris Cord, Seventeen Year Old I-BEST Student

Chris was bored with HS and was failing his sophomore year. Chris's Mom worked with the high school counselor to release Chris to work on acquiring his GED. Chris went through the GED classes needed and started the I-BEST program last year in the spring quarter. Chris completed the I-BEST program in August 2008 and now is signed up for a welding program in SFCC.

Chris chose welding because he had hands on experience doing some welding, but the biggest obstacle was deciding what certificate Chris wanted.

- 25 to 33 percent of students who complete the certificate courses will have a job when they walk out of college
- 75% of the students will still be working six months later.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Presentations & Meeting Locations:

- Doug Tweedy, Local Economist will be at the December 2, 2008, Youth Council meeting. The presentation will be youth focused.
- Michael LeaderCharge might be able to present about the Dropout summit.
- AmeriCorps could do a presentation.
- VOA could do a presentation and possibly have some kids come to the meeting.

Any future agenda items for presentations, moving the meeting to different locations, etc. Please e-mail Dawn (dkarber@wdcspokane.com).

Youth Council Member Openings:

The Youth Council has a Judicial Courts position and a parent of an eligible youth who is 16 to 21 years old position open. Please e-mail Dawn (dkarber@wdcspokane.com) with names of people you think would be able to fill these positions.

COMMUNITY MATRIX:

Community Matrix is a project that the Youth Council would like to start working on. This matrix could provide a place for counselors, parents, and youth to go for contacting the correct agency to with issues.

Some of the agencies suggested to be on the Community Matrix are:

Goodwill

Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

ESD101

Washington State University

Tim O'Halloran- Spokane Public Schools

If anyone at this meeting wants to be listed on the Community Matrix or knows of an agency/person that should be on the Community Matrix please contact Dawn (dkarber@wdcspokane.com).

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) There is not a shortage of jobs for youth in the Spokane Area. The problem for youth is not being able get a driver license or ID card. Youth have obstacles:
 - Identification
 - picture ID
 - no supporting evidence to get an ID
 - lack of drivers education
 - can't get a drivers license without insurance
 - youth lose their license because of speed, and/or no insurance.
 - Fees from losing their license start piling up and the youth are unable to pay the fines to get their drivers license back.
 - proof of insurance on the car you are taking your drivers test in.

Crosswalk has done the research for getting an ID from the Department of Motor Vehicles

- a notarized statement
- make a deal with the center for justice to notarize the statement for free.
- use yearbooks, which you could get from the school districts. The school districts keep 2 copies of a year book. If a youth can get 2 years of year books and take year books down to Department of Motor Vehicles the youth can get a Washington ID.
- take a case folder down to the DMV.

The Community Partnership Meeting would like to invite someone from the Department of Motor Vehicles to listen and possibly help with this issue?