



# Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

## YOUTH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 2, 2008 - 8:30-9:28 AM

Spokane Skill Center

4141 N Regal

*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

Trina Miller-Community  
Colleges of Spokane

John Serben-American  
Medical Response

Bonnie Wagner-WSU  
Health Education Center

Lisa White-Spokane Public  
Schools

### **Members Absent:**

Gary Allen-Spokane Skills  
Center

Donna Dalzell-Department  
of Vocational  
Rehabilitation

Laura Foust-Job Corps

Kathleen Grier-Juvenile  
Court

Kevin Managhan-Inland  
Empire Electrical Training  
Trust

Mike Senske-Pearson  
Packaging System

### **Others Present:**

Lynda Evans-WS

Cami Hanson-WS

Bridget Cannon-VOA

Angelique Heizan-ESD101

Heidi Peterson-NGZ

Doug Tweedy

### **Staff Present:**

Dawn Karber – Youth Program and  
Development Manager

Anne Lockwood – Secretary

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### **VOTE TO APPROVE OCTOBER 7, 2008 YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES:**

The October 7, 2008 Youth Council minutes were approved with no opposition.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Everyone who attended the Youth Council Meeting introduced themselves.

### **LABOR MARKET PRESENTATION – BY DOUG TWEEDY, SPOKANE LABOR MARKET ECONOMIST:**

The National Bureau of Economic Research has stated that the United States is in a recession. The recession started in December 2007.

Spokane is not losing jobs but gaining unemployed people. The unemployment rate in Spokane is increasing but it is a small increase.

Doug compiled a new hire report using social security numbers and about 20,000 people went back to work last quarter. Spokane has 220,000 people working, and 5,478 vacancies.

The industries that will help Spokane to recover from the recession are manufacturing, transportation, education and healthcare will help us recover. Currently, a small number of youth are participating in the industries that are going to matter in the future.

Manufacturing is creating subsectors i.e., wind turbos, aerospace. Education is not just the schools, but includes private training or anything to do with an institution. Residential construction is going down and commercial construction is going up and will continue to go up because of the funding issues.

17% of the workforce is youth. Young people are working in schools, government, building and janitorial services, amusement and spectator sports, eating places, construction, building equipment contractors, lawn & garden, supplies stores, and food manufacturing.

#### **Q & A WITH THE NEXT GENERATION ZONE YOUTH:**

Youth were not able to attend this Youth Council meeting, so this item will be set aside for another Youth Council meeting.

#### **PREPARE QUESTIONS FOR TAC:**

The Youth Council is in the process of finding out what's working for youth, where the youth are finding jobs and what's difficult for the youth.

The purpose of the questions is to see if the youth who are so well connected i.e., to schools, parents, etc. are they too busy to get a job or volunteer. Is the connected youth able to get a job faster/quicker than the youth not connected?

Some suggestions for questions:

- a) Ask youth of different income levels to see what they say. The perspective from the different income levels is going to be different.
- b) Are youth looking for work?
- c) Where is youth finding work?
- d) What problems do the youth face in acquiring a job?
- e) How did the youth learn about TAC?
- f) What is a youth's idea of success?
- g) Talk to employers as well.
  1. What type of work were the youth looking for?
  2. What type of work do the youth want, i.e. works as a waitress but wants to work in computers, etc?
- h) What level of income are the youth expecting to earn? Why?
- i) What type of jobs do you think are in a certain career cluster, i.e. manufacturing, transportation, etc.

Send any questions that are relevant to all the youth in the Spokane community to Dawn at [dkarber@wdcspokane.com](mailto:dkarber@wdcspokane.com).

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) A big issue for youth is to acquire driver's licenses or a WA State ID, so the youth can work. Discussion:
1. Lynda Evans mentioned that Spokane Community College has a grant to help youth get their WA State ID. Invite the person from Spokane Community College to speak at one of the Youth Council meetings.
  2. Have someone from Spokane Transit Authority (STA) come to a Youth Council meeting and explain how STA drafts their bus lines.
  3. The Next Generation Zone (NGZ) is serving 500 youth in any given year. How does the Youth Council want the Next Generation Zone to target the drivers licenses/WA State ID issue? WIA was set up to cover the drivers licenses/WA State ID subject with limitations. How does the Youth Council want to design the model? Should the NGZ target those youth planning to further their education? Cami Hanson will e-mail these questions to Dawn so the Youth Council can set the goals and/or model for the Next Generation Zone.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a) How many jobs in healthcare require an education of 4 years or more and 4 years or less? Workforce Explorer website will help with questions like these. Go to [www.workforceexplorer.com](http://www.workforceexplorer.com). Training on Workforce Explorer will be December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The training on this website will be specific to WIA programs.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The Youth Council Executive Committee Meeting will be meeting **Tuesday**, February 3, 2009, from 8:30 am 10:00 am, Spokane Skills Center, 4141 N Regal.