



# Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

## YOUTH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 3, 2009 - 8:31 AM - 9:37 AM

WorkSource Center

130 S Arthur Rd

*Anne Lockwood – Note Taker*

*Dawn Karber & John Serben - Editors*

### **Members in Attendance:**

Andrew Arganbright–  
Kemper Auto, A Unitrin  
Business

Jeff Benesch-Trans-  
system, Inc.

Linda Duncan-Purcell  
Systems

Trina Miller-  
Community Colleges  
of Spokane

Nancy Nelson-Humanix

John Serben-  
American Medical  
Response

Lisa White-Spokane  
Public Schools

### **Members Absent:**

Laura Foust-Job Corps

Michael  
LeaderCharge-City of  
Spokane Youth  
Services

Kevin Managhan-  
Inland Empire  
Electrical Training  
Trust

Mike Senske-Pearson  
Packaging System

Bonnie Wagner-WSU  
Health Education Center

### **Others Present:**

Cami Hanson-Career  
Path Services

Heidi Peterson-  
WorkSource/Next  
Generation Zone

Robert Everett-  
WorkSource

Scott Oakshott-  
Spokane Skills Center

### **Staff Present:**

Dawn Karber – Youth Program  
and Development Manager

Anne Lockwood – Secretary

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### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:**

#### **WDC MEMBERS:**

Nancy Nelson, Humanix and Jeff Benesch, Trans-system, Inc., were appointed by the SAWDC Chair to the Youth Council Executive Committee. Donna Dalzell left the Youth Council in order to join the SAWDC Services and Oversight Committee.

#### **VOTE ON NON-WDC MEMBERS:**

Scott Oakshott was nominated to replace Gary Allen as the Spokane Skills Center representative.

***On a motion and a second to approve Scott Oakshott to be on the Youth Council Executive Committee. Approved with no opposition.***

**YOUTH MEMBER UPDATE:**

We are working with the Chase Youth Commission's Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) to identify a youth representative to join the Youth Council Executive Committee.

Opening positions for the Youth Council are:

- Parent of an Eligible Youth and/or Foster Parent
- Law Enforcement
- Juvenile Justice
- Rehabilitation
- Housing

**VOTE TO APPROVE DECEMBER 2, 2008 YOUTH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:**  
***On a motion and a second to approve the December 2, 2008 Youth Council Executive Committee Minutes as written. Approved with no opposition.***

**COMMUNITY YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE:**

- ❖ Greater Spokane Inc. presented at last meeting.
- ❖ The group watched a video on working with Generation Y. The SAWDC will be ordering a copy of the video. Contact Dawn Karber for more information.
- ❖ The Community Matrix project is moving forward. It is expected to be presented in draft form at the next Community Youth Council meeting.
- ❖ *If you have suggestions of programs to present at a CYC meeting, contact Dawn Karber, dkarber@wdcspokane.com.*

**YOUTH COUNCIL/SPOKANE AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (SAWDC) & DROPOUT ISSUE:**

The SAWDC has tasked the Youth Council with the high priority of the youth dropout issue. The Youth Council is waiting for the SAWDC to determine what the dropout issue will look like.

Suggestions:

- ❖ Create a matrix of local dropout –related programs
- ❖ Have Michael LeaderCharge, Chase Youth Commission Youth Coordinator; report on the upcoming Dropout Summit
- ❖ Identify youth to present their experiences at a Youth Council meeting

The March SAWDC meeting will be focused on dropout issues. Send Dawn Karber suggestions of possible presenters.

**WDC STRATEGIC PLAN – NEXT STEPS:**

The SAWDC is updating the Strategic Plan. Dawn Karber handed out the youth portion of the plan and asked for suggestions. Dawn will update the youth portion and will send out for more suggestions.

**TEEN SURVEY – CHASE TEEN ADVISORY:**

The Teen Advisory Council youth completed seventeen surveys for the Youth Council. Linda Duncan volunteered to compile the results.

#### SUGGESTIONS TO EXPAND DISCUSSION ABOUT THE YOUTH SURVEY:

- ❖ Need a website that shows employers who hire youth.
- ❖ Youth will not give up the job to go to school. Maybe have a program to put money aside in a savings account to help pay for school.
- ❖ Send the survey to more youth and have results ready to be presented at next Youth Council Executive Committee meeting.

#### **NAVIGATION 101 INFORMATION SESSION:**

Lisa White presented on Navigation 101, sharing that is it not in all of our local schools yet. It started in Franklin Pierce School District as they saw the need to provide youth with life skills classes. The purpose is to have youth assigned to one adult who will work with the youth to provide career exploration and support.

The model was seen as successful and the state allocated funds through a grant process allowing elementary, middle, and high schools to apply. Each school chose how they spent their Navigation 101 funds.

#### Discussion:

The SAWDC Strategic Plan needs to approach Navigation 101. Identify districts that are involved with Navigation 101, identify districts that are matching funds with business partners, etc. We need to approach the theory of action more than a funding action; i.e., staffs in schools need to meet youth's thirst for information.

#### **NEXT GEN ZONE UPDATE:**

- ❖ Works with 16 to 21 year old in-school or out-of-school youth. Core Services do not need WIA eligibility, i.e., orientation; resume writing, job search skills, etc.
- ❖ If a youth qualifies for the WIA program, the counselor can enter them into work experience, career planning for one to two years.
- ❖ The Next Generation Zone is sponsoring a career services fair for youth to connect to area employers and service providers. The event is February 11, 2009, at the STA Plaza.
- ❖ Nine youth attended the SCC college tour a few weeks ago. The NGZ thanked the SAWDC for the financial support of the event. The tour was followed up with a FASA workshop. The Next Generation Zone will continue conducting college tours with the FASA workshops twice a year and/or maybe quarterly.
- ❖ Plans to serve 200 youth with core services, which averages to about 25 new youth a month.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Dawn updated the Youth Council on the stimulus package. A summer youth program will need to be up and running quickly.

#### Discussion:

- How long will it take to get the federal funds out into the community?
- Talk to Career Path Services, Educational Service District 101, and Spokane Public Schools, who ran past summer youth programs.
- Most funds used for paid work experience for the summer. It is possible that to work experience will have to be at a public or non-profit agency.
- Tri-Cities will put many kids in the schools to work in the custodial areas.
- Space is difficult for school districts with the reduction in custodial services.
- Do we want us to focus on out-of-school youth?

*If anyone is interested in the summer youth program pre-planning email Dawn at [dkarber@wdcspokane.com](mailto:dkarber@wdcspokane.com).*

If needed, there may be a Youth Council Executive Committee meeting in March to discuss the summer youth program.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The Youth Council Executive Committee Meeting will be meeting **Tuesday**, April 7, 2009, from 8:30 am 10:00 am, Spokane Skills Center, 4141 N Regal.