



Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

YOUTH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 2, 2009 8:33 AM – 9:25 AM
Spokane Skills Center – 4141 N Regal
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-Sterling Savings Bank	Kevin Managhan- Inland Empire Electrical Training Trust
Trina Miller-Community Colleges of Spokane	Scott Oakshott- Spokane Skills Center	John Serben-American Medical Response	Lisa White-Spokane Public Schools

Members Absent:

Laura Foust-Job Corps	Nancy Nelson- Humanix Staffing Services	Bonnie Wagner-WSU Health Education Center
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Staff Present:

Dawn Karber – Youth Program and Development Manager	Anne Lockwood – Secretary
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INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made.

VOTE ON APRIL 7, 2009 AND APRIL 24, 2009 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion and a second to approve the April 7, 2009 and April 24, 2009, meeting minutes as written. Approved. None Opposed.

VOTE ON NEW MEMBER:

Motion and a second to approve Joanne Benham, Youth Director for the City of Spokane, as a Youth Council Executive Committee Member, serving as a representative for Youth Serving Agency. Approved. None opposed.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP) COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Immediately following today's Youth Council meeting, the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Committee will have their first meeting and set the schedule for other meetings.

The Spokane Workforce Consortium has already hired 19 to 22 additional staff to manage program through the summer.

YOUTH ONE-STOP COMMITTEE (YOSC) UPDATE:

The Youth One-Stop Committee meets every other Monday. The discussion has been to move forward on relocating the Next Generation Zone to a different building. It has not been decided if we will have just the Next Generation Zone located at our new site or if it will be a Youth One-Stop Center.

Building space and rent is an issue. The Youth One-Stop Committee will start touring buildings soon and hope to have a recommendation quickly.

Satellite areas for the youth have been considered, but the Youth One-Stop Committee does not think satellite locations make sense in our current one-stop model.

The location of the NGZ needs to be easy to find, close to a bus stop, and have plenty of parking. It has been suggested that mental health counseling be available at the Youth One-Stop. The community needs to make a commitment to get business in to the One-Stop.

YOUTH DROPOUT SUMMIT UPDATE/DROPOUT SUMMIT VIDEO:

One of the key focus areas of the Youth Council this year is the dropout issue. The Summer Youth Employment Program has taken up most of our time recently, but in the fall, the Youth Council will refocus on the dropout issue.

The Youth Dropout Summit was a one-day event that was intended to get information to the community. There is a need to keep talking and working with the youth. The group viewed a video that was prepared for the Summit by students attending Contract Based Education.

PIZZA, POP AND POWER TOOLS UPDATE:

Pizza, Pop and Power Tools went very well this year. More than 400 eighth grade girls from throughout eastern Washington got a chance to try their hand at welding, conduit bending, painting, cement masonry, chop saw use and heavy equipment operation during the fifth annual Pizza, Pop and Power Tools event.

Female apprentices and journey workers lead the hands-on experiences and talked with the students about all their industry has to offer.

NEXT GEN ZONE/SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM UPDATE BY HEIDI PETERSON:

- The SAWDC created a couple of flyers for the SYEP project. One flyer targeted for employers and one for youth.
- 17 staff have been hired so far and 14 staff have completed training.
- The NGZ website has a location where youth can click to see if they are eligible for WIA services.
- About 150 Employers have gone through the master worksite agreement process and the NGZ is still receiving employer applications.
- Roughly, 40 youth have been enrolled.
- 150 youth have packets, but we are waiting for them to return required documents.
- A majority of the youth are out of school
- The NGZ staff have been doing orientations throughout the community and visiting schools.

- NGZ summer staff are located at the NGZ, Northeast Community Center, Salem Lutheran Church, Medical Lake High School, Contract Based Education, Career Path Services, and Goodwill.
- Humanix Staffing Services is working with the youth to provide safety training.
- The NGZ has shifted staffing and is focusing on training staff. Training includes:
 - Understanding eligibility
 - Targeting particular populations
 - Working with neighborhood community centers
 - Communication
- The SYEP has had great media coverage. There have been several television news and newspaper stories locally and one article on CNN's website.

The NGZ will provide the Youth Council with a couple talking points about the SYEP so YC members can correctly speak about the program.

THE NEXT GENERATION ZONE YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM UPDATE:

- The end of this program year for the WIA year-round program is June 30, 2009.
- The NGZ contact with the WDC was extended. The partners for next program year will remain the same.
- This year the NGZ enrolled almost 500 youth, 50 over the planned number to be served.
- Plan to provide the same service and number of youth during the coming program year.
- A situation has come up where we can place youth who are in the year-round program at the City of Spokane's golf courses, but we are not permitted to place youth who are in the ARRA program at golf courses, swimming pools or aquariums.
- It is thought that the NGZ has the largest youth program in the state. Other areas in Washington have decided to trim down the number of youth served due to the declining WIA budget. Due to the high need in Spokane, our WDC has continued to keep high enrollment targets.
- While not all youth can be enrolled in our WIA program, the more core services offered the more youth can be pointed towards jobs.
- The NGZ will spend between 95 to 98% of funds for this program year.
- Trying to determine how to get youth through drivers education and IDs.
- In August, the NGZ will have the year-end information completed and will be able to present the numbers of youth served, how successful the NGZ was and success stories.

The NGZ is going to provide the Youth Council with a wish list of items that will further develop the services at the NGZ.

OTHER QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- 1) Nancy Nelson has graciously accepted the Youth Council Vice-Chair position. We look forward to having Nancy serve in that role.
- 2) High School Juniors and Seniors will be attending the Summer Manufacturing courses that will run from June 22, 2009 to July 8, 2009. It is a 3-week program at the Spokane Skills Center. SAPTAC will hold five spots for WIA youth.

Course topics to include safety, Computer Aided Drafting, CNC, and welding. Industry tours will be a key component of the project. Spokane Community College will provide students with information on financial aid and student services at the college. The youth will receive high school credits for attending.