



# Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

## YOUTH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING NOTES

March 3, 2009 - 8:31-9:56 AM

Spokane Skills Center

4141 N Regal

*Anne Lockwood – Note Taker*

*Dawn Karber & John Serben - Editors*

### In Attendance:

Andrew Arganbright-Kemper Auto, A Unitrin Business	Kathy Atha-WorkSource Business Solutions	Shannon Brucick-Greater Spokane Inc.	Kim Burnett- WorkSource/Next Generation Zone
Bridget Cannon-VOC	Penberthy Cleve-West Valley School District	Janet Davis-GSEWNI	Linda Duncan-Sterling Savings Bank
Lynda Evans- WorkSource/Next Generation Zone	Robert Everett- WorkSource	Laura Foust-Job Corps	Martin Kolodreb-Spokane County
Patrick Malone-Jobs Not Jails	Kevin Managhan-Inland Empire Electrical Training Trust	Trina Miller-Community Colleges of Spokane	Scott Oakshott-Spokane Skills Center
Heidi Peterson- WorkSource/Next Generation Zone	Trina Schmid-Jobs Corps	John Serben-American Medical Response	Marvin Sperber-Spokane Valley DSHS
Ben Stuckart-Communities In Schools			

### Staff Present:

Dawn Karber – Youth Program and  
Development Manager

Anne Lockwood – Secretary

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### INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lynda Evans – WorkSource/Next Generation Zone:

- ✓ Updated the group on the Next Generation Zone job fair at the STA Plaza on February 11th. It was a great event with twelve businesses represented and nineteen tables for youth services.
- ✓ There will be a Dropout Summit on April 17, 2009, with breakout session on next steps. The cost is ten dollars per person and students are free.

Dawn Karber – Spokane Area Workforce Development Council/Youth Coordinator:

- ✓ The Stimulus Package will provide funding for summer youth paid work experiences. The WDC will release the Request for Proposals (RFP) in the next two weeks. The RFP has a consortium focus. Unlike current Workforce Investment Act funding, youth up to the age of 24 will be eligible. The income guidelines have not increased and the WDC is expecting to serve 150 to 400 youth.
- ✓ The WorkSource Connections housed in the Northeast Community Center will be having an open house on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Shannon Brucick – Greater Spokane Incorporated:

- ✓ GSI will be having a Career Fair May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. The evening of May 5<sup>th</sup> will be for parents.

Kevin Managhan - Inland Empire Electrical Training Trust

- ✓ Pizza Pop & Power tools will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. The expectation is over 400 female youth. All are welcome to attend.

#### **COMMUNITY INDICATORS PRESENTATION:**

Patrick Jones, Executive Director of the Institute for Public Policy & Economic Analysis at Eastern Washington University, presented information about the Community Indicators website that was developed to provide the community access to economic and demographic information. The group looked at data and charts on such things as WASAL tests performance and high school on-time graduation rates, [www.comunityindicators.ewu.edu](http://www.comunityindicators.ewu.edu)

#### **UPDATE ON YOUTH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The SAWDC is currently updating their Strategic Plan. The plan is available for comment on the SAWDC website.

The idea of a Youth One-Stop Center has resurfaced. There has been one brainstorming session so far. Please let Dawn know if you are interested in participating in future discussions, [dkarber@wdcspokane.com](mailto:dkarber@wdcspokane.com).

#### **COMMUNITY MATRIX PROJECT UPDATE:**

Dawn is working with the Skills Center to put the Community Matrix, in an interactive mode on a website.

#### **YOUTH SURVEY UPDATE:**

A youth survey was given to the Chase Youth Commission, Crosswalk, the Next Generation Zone and other youth to get an idea of the knowledge youth have on working issues. If you would like to survey other youth in the Spokane area please contact Dawn at [dkarber@wdcspokane.com](mailto:dkarber@wdcspokane.com).

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1) Our Kids Our Business Kick Off will be held at Spokane Falls Community College on March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Donna Beegle will be presenting.