



# Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

## YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 3, 2008 - 8:15 AM  
Spokane Skills Center  
4141 N Regal

### Members in Attendance:

Gary Allen-Spokane Skills Center	Andrew Arganbright-Kemper, Kemper, A Unitrin Business	Donna Dalzell-DVR	Kevin Managhan-Inland Empire Electrical Training Trust
Mike Senske-Pearson Packaging System	John Serben-American Medical Response	Lisa White-Spokane Public Schools	

### Members Absent:

Robert Duron-Coffee Systems Inc	Jeff Duncan-SRO	Laura Foust-Job Corps	Kathleen Grier-Juvenile Court Bonnie Wagner-WSU Health Education Center
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### Others Present:

Trudie Duxbury-ESD101	Linda Evans-WS	Cami Hanson-WS	Laurel Kelly-VOA
Anne Millane-WS	Tami Baump	Jen Cox-Service Alternatives	Trina Scott-WS
Sherry Barrett-Communities in Schools	Scott Oakshott-Skills Center	Elisabeth Hooker-STCU	Marvin Sperber-DSHS

### Staff Present:

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

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### CALL TO ORDER FOR VOTING MEMBERS:

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 am. Introductions were made.

### ITEM #1 – APPROVE MAY 6, 2008 YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES:

It was decided that the Youth Council would do an e-mail vote to approve the May 6, 2008 Youth Council Minutes.

### AGENCY UPDATES:

John Serban, American Medical Response – It is hard to find EMT's and Paramedics at the entry level of the healthcare market. The people American Medical Response is looking for are already moving up.

Donna Dalzell, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation – DVR's Open House was successful. Donna will move over to WorkSource in July.

Dawn Karber, Spokane Area Workforce Development Council - WorkSource won the Best WorkSource in the Nation Award. The Governor came over and made a speech at the WorkSource Center.

Anne Millane, WorkSource – The Next Generation Zone is going well and we are looking forward to wrapping up the program year.

Cami Hanson, WorkSource - WorkSource is wrapping up their program year and looking forward to next year.

**PRESENTATION – SERVICE ALTERNATIVES, INC.:**

There are about 500,000 youth placed in foster care each year, usually because of abuse neglect and/or abandonment, with 10,411 youth in foster care in Washington alone. Youth in foster care have a 60% high school graduation rate and 30% of youth in foster care go into higher education but only 10% earn a degree.

Service Alternatives, Inc. received a program about 7 weeks ago that will provide special programs for foster youth. Funding is coming from a state contract from DCS. California actually paved the way for this program by having 70% of colleges in California with special programs for foster youth.

This program places foster youth ages 14 to 21 with a mentor. The mentor needs to provide an 18 month commitment and at least 1 a week a month. This program will help foster youth to build a plan. The plan does not have to be specific. The foster youth can go to college, technical programs, or apprenticeships.

Service Alternatives, Inc. needs mentors at this time. The process for becoming a mentor is to meet with one of Service Alternatives, Inc. counselor in public and get background check and an interview. The counselor assesses the mentor's availability and the type of relationship they want.

Service Alternatives, Inc. has 10 foster youth in the program at this time, with referrals having come from DSHS. It has been hard to locate the youth. They are working with independent living homes, Volunteers of America, social workers, services alternatives, and counselors at Havermale. Service Alternatives, Inc. is also working to identify the foster youth that are already in colleges, apprenticeship etc.

Volunteers of America is going to be focusing on this foster youth program because they are seeing kids who are not taking the right classes to get in to college

Service Alternatives, Inc. will have a year and a half to get their numbers.

**NO JULY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING:**

There will be no July Youth Council meeting. Normally we don't have meetings during the summer, but the Youth Council wanted to meet at the Next Generation Zone.

The only day we that are available at the WorkSource Center is Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. The SAWDC is working with an architect right now for restructuring the WorkSource services so we might have to reschedule the Youth Council meeting. Dawn will make sure to let everyone know.

### **REPORT ON COMMITTEE WORK:**

Last month the Youth Council did not take time to break out into groups. Donna wants to talk about focusing our energies on the Internship Committee and the Youth Focused Series Committee at this Youth Council meeting.

a) Youth Focused Series Committee

Cami Hanson

A survey has been created and it was youth who actually wrote the questions. SFCC grad students are looking at the survey to create it so we can gather statistical information from the survey. The intent is to try and find out from kids that are disconnected what type of services that they need. We need to find out what kids are looking for.

A timeline needs to be set so we can get information together, get the message out and compile information. Cami will make the commitment to contact Sean Pelfrey and gather the information.

If the survey is ready Dawn can distribute it to everyone. Let Dawn know how the survey should be distributed.

Who in charge of the distribution groups? Who can be responsible for different parts of the survey, i.e. youth that aren't being targeted?

b) Internship Committee

Andrew Arganbright-

There are three different groups of youth we need to gather information from so we can support them.

- 18 to 21 year olds, which we are already working on. They are probably working and looking for internship.
- High school students who need to think about internship
- Youth in middle school who need to develop the concept of internship.

Instead of taking on all three tasks at once we broke down the survey that is going out to businesses, with a focus on the 18 to 21 year old youth. We want to find out if the businesses have done internships, how would an internship look in their business, and would the business be interested in internships?

Last meeting there were only 7 to 8 responses. Valerie Payette was working for GSI last month and has since quit so there is no additional data to share. We will follow up with folks to get more information out there.

Our goal during the summer months is to see if our idea matches with businesses, and work on ideas to help generate communication and internships.

The WDC will need to take over more control to access survey site and get the presentation PowerPoint from GSI to show the information received.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1) Pizza Pop and Power Tools. This year, just under 400 girls that attended the event. Both days had full-day of events which was different than last year. The girls were enthusiastic, even in the rain. We had a few new female apprentices this year. We also had funding to pay salaries this year. Through the Pre-Apprenticeship Program, the first female apprentice in 4 years has registered.
- 2) Construction Cruise - Tim Ormsby put together the support for SPS to run an event with building trades involved. The event was called Construction Cruise and was done on Friday; the week after the initial idea was created.

The Construction Cruise took kids to visit buildings and work sites while the contractors talked to the kids about constructing the building, laying brick, having a building fit a space, landscaping, etc.

Twenty-three students participated. Lunch and a tee shirt were provided for each student. They are thinking about expanding the Construction Cruise to hospitality services, sound, or lighting etc.

Youth Council attendees expressed interest in working together on these projects.

- 3) The pre-apprenticeship website up and is interactive. Businesses put their experiences on the web and kids respond. CTED is looking for models of business experiences that will work for any industry.
- 4) The Allied Health Career Academy, a partnership between the Spokane Area Workforce Development Council, Havermale, SCC and the NGZ, have a NAC class starting at SCC starting mid-June and ending mid-July. This class is paid for through a grant. There are three spots have not been filled.

The youth will get 6 college credits and the class is all paid for. Sixteen year olds can go to the class, but can't take their certification until they are 18. The youth will need to get a TB test as well.

Please call Dawn at 625-6213 if you have anyone who would be able to fill the three open positions. Dawn is working on how childcare can be provided for this Nurses Aide Certification class.

- 5) Dawn is looking for classes and programs that can be provided at the Northeast Community Center.

### **ADJOURN:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The Youth Council will be meeting **Monday**, August 4, 2008, from 8:15 am 10:00 am, at the Next Generation Zone (unless WorkSource is under construction).