



Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 9, 2008 - 8:30-9:50 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	Donna Dalzell-Department of Vocational Rehabilitation	Michael LeaderCharge-City of Spokane Youth Services	Kevin Managhan-Inland Empire Electrical Training Trust
John Serben-American Medical Response	Lisa White-Spokane Public Schools		

Members Absent:

Gary Allen-Spokane Skills Center	Linda Duncan-Purcell Systems	Laura Foust-Job Corps	Kathleen Grier-Juvenile Court
Trina Miller-Community Colleges of Spokane	Mike Senske-Pearson Packaging System	Bonnie Wagner-WSU Health Education Center	

Others Present:

Cami Hanson-WS	Candace Spitzer-DSHS	Martin Kolodrub-Juvenile Court
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Staff Present:

Dawn Karber – Youth Program and Development Manager	Anne Lockwood – Secretary
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ITEM #1 – VOTE TO APPROVE MAY 6TH, JUNE 3RD, AND AUGUST 4TH, 2008 YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES:

There was not a quorum to approve the May 6th, June 3rd, and August 4th, 2008, Youth Council minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHAIR

Donna Dalzell, former Youth Council Chair introduced John Serben, the new Youth Council Chair.

The Youth Council wants to thank Donna Dalzell for her eminent service, inspired leadership, and devotion to the improvement of Spokane County's workforce, as the Youth Council Chairperson.

VISION FOR THIS YEAR

On October 7, 2008, the Youth Council will meet as an Executive Committee. The committee will focus on the Next Generation Zone and how WIA Youth Funds are spent. The Youth Council Executive Committee meeting will be an open meeting.

The alternate months will be a meeting for people that want to participate in the Youth Council activities in the community.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Donna Dalzell, Supervisor, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation – Donna, a couple of DVR counselors, and a rehabilitation tech moved to the WorkSource Center in an effort to provide one stop service to DVR clients.

Bonnie Wagner, Washington State University – Gary Smith, formally CEO of St. Luke's, is joining us at Washington State University, Area Health Education Center because of his ability to further Washington State University's vision to enter kids in to healthcare earlier in their lives.

Michael LeaderCharge, City of Spokane, Chase Youth Commission Teen Advisory Council – The Chase Youth Commission has about 60 to 80 members so far this year. There will be a Youth Issue Forum on October 9, 2008 from 6 to 8 pm, in City Council Chambers. The forum will include Cathy McMorris, and Mark Mays who will be asked questions created by youth relating to their campaign.

Scott Oakshott, Spokane Skills Center - Construction at the Skills Center will not be done for about 3 weeks. The Spokane Skills Center is working on updating the curriculum. The Skills Center wants to offer satellite programs to rural schools.

Lynda Evans, WorkSource Specialist, Next Generation Zone – Please visit the Next Generation Zone and take a tour of the WorkSource Center.

Trudy Duxbury, Educational Service District 101 - Trudy works with youth resources to reintroduce youth back into school, help with probation, and find vocational resources.

Cami Hanson, Manager of Programs, WorkSource Center – Anne Millane retired august 31st. Cami is working closer now with the Next Generation Zone because of Anne Millane retiring. Cami hopes to have someone in Anne's position about mid of October.

Tim O'Halloran, pre-apprenticeship program, Spokane Public Schools – Tim's job is to expose kids to the trades. Tim has a booklet which shows all the trades in the Spokane area. GSI is also working with pre-apprenticeship programs in manufacturing, allied health and advanced health care business, and professional services, aerospace, and construction.

Elizabeth Hooker, Spokane Teachers Credit Union – On October 10, 2008 and January 30, 2009 there will be a money camp for teens 11 to 15 yrs of age. The end of January 2009 Spokane Teachers Credit Union will have a real life money camp experience for 15 to 18 yrs old to help them transition to the adult world.

Trina Miller, Community Colleges of Spokane – Trina does technical preparation and articulation agreements for high school students to earn college credit before entering college. On March 12, 2009 there will be a conference to introduce girls to technical careers, i.e. math, science, and engineering, etc. The emphasis will be on girls from 11th and 12th grades, with a capacity of 100 girls from any school districts. Trina also works on the I Best program. The I Best program is the only way for anyone who does not have a GED or high school diploma to get into college. There are careers in manufacturing, Medical Office Assistants, etc. Trina will be presenting the I Best program at our next YC meeting.

Laura Foust, Residential Program Recruiting, Job Corps - Laura Foust is recruiting for 9 different Job Corps Centers. The Job Corps Centers train 16 to 24 year olds for employment, which include union trades.

Jim Parkinson, Avista volunteer, WorkSource Connections– Jim is working to establish the WorkSource Connections Center at the Northeast Community Center.

Lisa Flack, NECC, WorkSource Connections - Lisa is working with Jim on the grand opening of the WorkSource Connections site. The grand opening is set for October 28, 2009.

Dawn Karber – the Workforce Development Council is starting a satellite site at NECC called WorkSource Connections. The grand opening will be October 28th from two to four pm. Dawn is looking for people interested in offering a class at the opening. The class would only be 15 to 30 minutes. Please contact Dawn to offer a class, provide any suggestions for a class, or if interested in having a booth at the WorkSource Connections Opening. The Workforce Development Council and Spokane Community College are looking for a Program Coordinator for the Allied Health Career Academy. The position will close the week of September 15th.

DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION/PROJECT SEARCH PRESENTATION

The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is a division of Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. DVR empowers individual's with disabilities to create a better quality of life; disabilities do not have to be extreme i.e. mobility, work tolerance, communication, self care, interpersonal skills and work skills, etc.

All services provided have to support an employment goal. DVR and the applicant determine a goal where the person has the best chance of success. Once employment has been found DVR provides employment services follow up for ninety days and post employment services follow can be provided for 3 years after employment.

DVR services can start around ages 14 to 21. It is a team work process between DVR, the student, family and educational system. DVR wants the student to experience a smooth transition between school and employment.

PROJECT SEARCH

Project Search is working with Sacred Heart Hospital at this time. The project is working with students with disabilities who are attached to a high school and finishing their last year in high school.

The students apply for a position working in Sacred Heart Hospital. A job evaluation is done, and a screening committee will match applications with jobs. Six students are picked and then the applications are sent to Sacred Heart Human Resources. The students rotate throughout hospital to learn different jobs. A lot of the students are hired by hospital once there education is final and those not hired have really good work experience so they can get a job.

The financial savings is seen immediately. Employers finding low attendance issues, students very rarely sick and they get work done. Project Search is a new model and is showing a better work retention for disabled employment than direct hiring. Anyone interested in the application packet contact Donna Dalzell.

2008 GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

Best Practice Award nominations were announced from Education and Workforce sectors at the 2008 Governor's Conference. Some of the local entities honored by the Governor were:

- Washington State Building and Construction Trades for their Construction Cruise 2008 – The idea was to get kids exposed to trades and allow the youth to see different construction sites and the multiple processes of building. The youth started at the arena, walked to the new YWCA and were on site where the youth put on hard hats, and laid bricks on the foundation. There was lunch in Riverfront Park, which included gift packages, then on to the Convention Center to learn about the green building and talking to architects.
- Greater Spokane Incorporated for Teaching the Teachers Workshops – GSI takes teachers into industry to see jobs in the morning and in the afternoon training the teachers go to colleges to ascertain the availability to fill positions in the new jobs. There are two classes per month.
- WorkSource Spokane for Spokane Workforce Consortium – Employment Security, Career Path Services, Goodwill Educational Service District 101, Spokane Area Workforce Development Council, Community Colleges of Spokane, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and many others all partnered together to make WorkSource what it is today.
- The Spokane Area Workforce Development Council for Allied Health Career Academy.

NEXT GENERATION ZONE EVENT UPDATE & PRESENTATION

The Next Generation Zone (NGZ) at WorkSource, on the 2nd floor. The NGZ helps youth to get GED's, employment services, jobs, etc. This year the NGZ is focusing on the need for job readiness skills for youth. Youth do not have to be WIA eligible to join in these services. These services are part of the NGZ's core services available for all youth.

The NGZ is requesting money and donations for the four job fairs that are scheduled for 2008/2009. The first job fair is October 22, 2008.

The NGZ needs donations for anything surrounding a job fair. Recommendations for donations are:

- Large raffle prizes i.e. i-pod or a wii
- Prepaid phone cards
- Tickets to any event
- Coffee cards
- Movie passes
- Bus passes
- Fast food
- Hair cuts
- Hair products
- Visa cards
- Thumb drives
- Day planners
- Waterproof folder for kids
- Colorful notebooks or keepers
- Multi tools
- Flash lights.
- Snacks or drinks for the events.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – NO WORK SESSION

Last year 4 new Committees were created. The only committee really required is The Next Generation Zone Committee. This committee is going to be the Youth Council Executive Committee.

The Youth Focused Series Committee has the survey ready to go out to youth. Hopefully we can have the survey printed and to Youth Council by November.

The Quality Career Events Committee never took off. The events that would be handled by the committee can be dealt with during Youth Council meetings.

The Internship Committee has done a great job getting the questionnaire out to businesses, however, businesses did not respond well.

Some Feed back form the survey was:

- Didn't want to put contact information in.
- Felt would be solicited for internship use.
- Need to know more about the purpose of the survey
- Uncertain if you are looking at paid or unpaid internships.

For now, due to lack of response from business, we will push the Internship Committee aside and come back to original focus of making sure our WIA dollars are spent correctly.

It would be okay to still work on these projects but we don't want to use the Youth Council meetings to complete these projects. Anyone interested on working on these projects notify Dawn who will put you on an e-mail list.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT MEETING:

The Youth Council Executive Committee Meeting will be meeting **Tuesday**, October 7, 2008, from 8:30 am 10:00 am, at the Spokane Skills Center, 4141 N Regal.