

State Workforce Investment Board
Youth Council
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November 30, 2009

Council Members Present: Marty Copps, Chair; Curt Campbell; Karen Duncan; Jake Gustin; James McDonald; and Mike Nephew.

Council Members Absent: Margret Bowles; Marcella Buster; Daniel Dolan; Tescha Hawley; and Warren Means.

Guests: Adam de Young, Suzanne Ferguson, Lisa Newman, Sheila Hogan, Anna Green, Pat Wise, and Dave Morey.

Staff: Dan Bernhardt, Danielle Nettleton and Leisa Smith.

I. Welcome & Introduction

Chair Marty Copps called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. She welcomed staff, council members, and guests.

Roll Call

Danielle Nettleton conducted roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Copps reviewed the agenda; the agenda was accepted as presented by consensus.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Copps asked if there were any changes to the May 6, 2009 meeting minutes. With no proposed changes Mike Nephew made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Jake Gustin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

II. Review Strategic Planning Outcomes & Recommendations

Dan Bernhardt provided a PowerPoint presentation covering the Youth Council's strategic planning process. The presentation covered the following topics:

- Council Mission, Goals, and Duties
- Areas the council selected to be aware of, engaged in, and poised for action
- Areas the council selected to be the driver of action
- Answers received to the following questions during the Youth Council survey process:
 - Outstanding issues and policies the Youth Council would like to address in the upcoming year.

- Are the current Montana policies and procedures responsive to the needs of the youth in your community? If not, why?
- Are there any best practices in youth workforce development locally or nationally that you would like to see implemented in Montana
- Is there any information that could be provided to be helpful in your service to Youth?
- Additional comments, suggestions, or concerns from council members.

To review the PowerPoint and the answers received on the survey, please go to www.swib.mt.gov.

Discussions:

- Mr. Bernhardt discussed the recent restructuring of SWIB committees and explained the difference between program driven committees and policy driven committees.
- Suzanne Ferguson reported that program managers were successfully spending the allotted ARRA money for WIA programs and the funds will not need to be returned to USDOL.
- Leisa Smith explained that any program specific comments can be addressed or referred to the appropriate department staff.
- Chair Copps requested staff send out an email to council members, requesting three volunteers to review the mission, goals, and duties. Members discussed the current Youth Council mission statement and agreed to leave it as presented. Jake Gustin stated the mission statement and goals is all encompassing and properly reflects the councils work. Ms. Smith suggested reviewing the council's current goals during the next meeting and make changes to existing goals and establish new goals as necessary.
- Members discussed the current status of the Shared Youth Vision and decided to continue focusing on the project. After discussing current programs and efforts utilized to address Montana's drop outs, members stated they would like to learn more about opportunities for youth and possible ways to educate them about the options available.
- Ms. Smith announced staff would keep the council informed of updates and new opportunities as they arise. With the recent changes in the SWIB committee structure, the council may have more opportunities to work with the board and other committees.
- Discussion occurred regarding streamlining funds and partnering with other programs or departments. Council members suggested keeping a focus on rural areas where funds are limited due to population.

Curt Campbell made a motion to focus on Transitional Services for Youth and the Shared Youth Vision. Jim McDonald seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

III. WIA Updates

Suzanne Ferguson, WIA Programs Supervisor, provided an overview of the statistical information provided in the PY08 WIA Annual Report. The full report is available online; to view the report, please go to: <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/wia/wiaannualreport.pdf>.

Ms. Ferguson reported on statistics from the current ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program. She announced the program will continue until March 2010. A large number of youth excited the program when they returned to school in the fall. To review the report, please go to: www.swib.mt.gov.

IV. Other Business

Leisa Newman, Career Training Institute (CTI), announced tentative plans to hold a leadership summit for youth by using Exploration Works as a location for the event and Carroll College to house youth who attend. Exploration Works has been used as a worksite by CTI in the past. Exploration Works recently received a grant from NASA to develop science and math related activities. Over a two day period the youth would be able to learn about the possible science and math career possibilities while exploring the exhibits within Exploration Works. The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Student Assistance Foundations has discussed the possibilities of co-sponsoring the event. At this time the idea is still a concept and the pieces are being put together.

Discussion occurred regarding the next Youth Council Meeting. The council will meet on February 10, 2010 in conjunction with the two day SWIB and Committee meetings.

V. Adjourn

With no further discussion, Mr. McDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Duncan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.