

State Workforce Investment Board Youth Council

March, 10th, 2011
GoTo Meeting

Council Members Present: Marty Copps, Margaret Bowles, Curt Campbell, Linda Cleatus, and Jake Gustin

Council Members Absent: Marcella Buster, Karen Duncan, James McDonald, Dan Dolan and Tescha Hawley

Guests: Jeff Rupp and Connie Kinsey

Staff: Leisa Smith, Dan Bernhardt and Adrienne Piccono

I. Welcome and Introduction

Chair Copps called the meeting to order at 11:00am. She stated that the meeting will be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, and reminded the attendants that public comment will be allowed when appropriate.

Roll Call

Ms. Piccono conducted a roll call. A quorum was not present.

Housekeeping

Mr. Bernhardt informed the committee members of the technicalities of the GoTo process.

Reminders

The SWIB will meet tentatively the last week of May. Official date, place, agenda, and materials will be forthcoming.

Approval of the Agenda

Could not approve due to lack of quorum

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Could not approve due to lack of quorum

II. State Plan Waiver

Connie informed the committee that the U.S. DOL/ETA has requested states submit either an extension or modification to their current WIA Wagner-Peyser State plan. WIA has not been reauthorized so this would be for a one year period only. Montana is only required to submit an extension. WIA Wagner/Peyser State Plan is due April 15th. Along with the plan extension, the Workforce Services Division would like to apply for a waiver allowing use of the Individual Training Accounts (ITA) for youth. The use of ITA's for youth service providers would allow more opportunities to promote and encourage training as another option. Under current regulation, expenditures for ITA's are charged to the Adult of Dislocated Worker funding streams. In cases of co-enrollment, the cost is charged to limited to Adult funds. This waiver would allow older-out-of-school youth to select appropriate ITA programs from Montana's Eligible Training Provider List, while retaining their Youth classification. This will effectively help them in moving forward from high school or the GED program. Due to the lack of a quorum, no action was taken by the Youth Council. Informal discussion rendered support for action taken from the WIA committee on said subject. It will be taken to the Executive Committee for final approval.

III. GED Initiative Update

Margaret Bowles provided an update to the statewide GED campaign. The meetings held in Billings and Butte were well attended, and the agenda was straight forward. The goal was to inform the public about the economic impacts of high school drop outs and the importance of GED's as a first step in a pathway to self-sufficiency. The panelists were an important factor in these meetings. Panelists talked about why they dropped out, barriers faced after dropping out, the path and circumstances that led them back to pursue a GED, what supports aided in their GED certification and differences to their life since obtaining a GED. Three more community conversations are planned for Miles City, Havre, and Kalispell the week of April 11th. A website and Facebook page have been established. The Facebook information can be found under Future ForGED, and the web address is: www.montanagednow.com.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

V. New Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Copps adjourned the meeting at 11:37am.