

State Workforce Investment Board Youth Council

July 7, 2010
GoTo Meeting

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Marty Copps, Chair; Margret Bowles, Marcella Buster, Karen Duncan, and James McDonald

Council Members Absent: Curt Campbell, Dan Dolan, Jake Gustin, Tescha Hawley, and Warren Means

Guests: Dave Morey and Connie Kinsey

Staff: Leisa Smith and Dan Bernhardt

I. Welcome & Introduction

Chair Marty Copps called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. She welcomed staff, council members, and guests. She reminded members that the council conducts business under Roberts Rules of Order.

Roll Call

Mr. Bernhardt conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Copps reviewed the agenda. The agenda was passed by consensus.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Copps asked if there were any changes to the May 26, 2010 meeting minutes. Ms. Duncan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Bowles seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

II. MT Shared Youth Vision Survey Results

Mr. Bernhardt presented a slide show to the Council with the results of the Youth Vision Survey on the GED Concepts. There were a total of 330 respondents to the survey. A complete breakdown of the survey results is located on the SWIB website.

The final votes from the surveys received for each concept are: “Future Forged” – 171, “Get Charged Up” – 61, “Get Challenged, Get Charged” – 59. The results also indicated that t-shirts were the most inspiring of the “materials”.

Mr. Bernhardt informed the Council that all of the surveys will be scanned and placed on the SWIB website for review. The next steps for the Council will be for the Core Team to meet and add language to the materials; meet with the key stakeholders for their support; and to present to the full SWIB in September for support.

After general discussion regarding the survey results, the Council agreed to meet on August 23rd via GoTo Meeting. The Council agreed to schedule the key stakeholders meeting after the GoTo Meeting when Ms. Bowles is able to get everyone together. The Core Team agreed to meet during the week of July 19 – July 23 and to invite Ms. Ellen Leidl to the meeting.

III. WIA Youth Updates

Ms. Kinsey informed the Council that Program Year 2010 has now begun and that there are ten WIA youth providers serving each MACo District in the state. There are also TANF-ARRA funds available through an agreement with Public Health and Human Services equaling \$1.5 million. There is a contract with the local providers to do TANF-ARRA youth services for ages 16 – 18 for youth who may be in or out of school and for 19-year old youth only if they are in school. Youth must be WIA eligible so they are enrolled in both TANF and WIA at the same time. The program runs from June 1 through September 18. Monitoring will occur mid-July and August.

Ms. Kinsey also updated the Council on the Technical Assistance session in Billings regarding the performance indicators on literacy and numeracy. There was a day and a half meeting with a consultant from USDOL and staff received some really good pointers on motivational techniques on keeping the youth enrolled; but the main discussion was about working really close with the Adult Basic Education program for the youth so they can have their remediation if they test basic skills deficient and hopefully bring up their scores between their pre-test and post-test.

Ms. Kinsey informed the Council that they have rewritten the policy per USDOL requiring youth to pre-test within ten days from their enrollment.

Ms. Kinsey also informed the Council that the WIA Science Camp was a success. Ms. Smith informed the Council that Ms. Lisa Newman was in the process of compiling the data from the Camp and would like to present to the Council.

Ms. Buster stated that the Job Corps participants indicated to her that the Camp was one of the best experiences they have had.

IV. Unfinished Business

Chair Copps directed staff to draft a letter of gratitude to Ms. Ellen Leidl for designing the concepts.

Ms. Smith informed the Council that Mr. Means has retired but she has not yet been able to reach him to confirm if he is stepping down from the Council. Ms. Smith also informed the Council that she has talked with Mr. Nephew and he has officially resigned from the Council due to a new job. Ms. Smith pointed out that she has been in contact with the Department of Health and Human Services for a recommendation for a foster care representative to serve on the Council.

Chair Copps requested staff contact Ms. Hawley and ask her if she would like to continue serving on the Council.

With no further discussion, Chair Copps adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.