

**VERMILION COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
YOUTH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007 AT 1:00 PM
IETC 407 N. FRANKLIN ST. DANVILLE IL
CONFERENCE ROOM A & B**

Present: Frank Brunacci Judy Phillippe Muriel Barnes Jonathan Jett
Brian Hensgen Lynn Childs Becky Robinson Lynn Childs

Absent: Nancy Boesdorfer Thomas Fisher Tamera Fotherberry Scott Heatherton
Gary Ludwig Jean Norton Trisha Osterbur Dee Ann Ryan
Betty Shaffer Kay Smoot Dr. Ed Michaels Kevin Kegley
Kim Kuchenbrod Sandy Martin Debbie Stark Amy Streuer

Guest/Proxies/Staff: Cheryl Bradfield Lori Brewster

- 1. Call to Order/ Introduction** - Lori Brewster called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. quorum is not present. Brewster informed that a quorum should be present shortly. The meeting will continue as informational and asked for items for Council Exchange (see below).

Judy Phillippe called the meeting officially to order at 1:25 p.m.

- 2. Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2007 Youth Council meeting as presented was made by Brian Hensgen, seconded by Lynn Childs and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.
- 3. Action Item – Youth Council Membership** - Motion to approve Becky Robinson from DHS-DRS was made by Muriel Barnes, seconded by Brian Hensgen and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.
- 4. Discussion/Approval - Recommendation of the VCWIB Evaluation Team - WIA Title I Youth Provider.** Phillippe reported that the Evaluation Team received 2 proposals from Center for Children Services and District 118. On April 10 the Evaluation Team met District 118 was not selected, but Center for Children. Center for Children Services gave a presentation on April 24, 2007 to the Evaluation Team. Brewster clarified that the Youth Council action is to approve the youth provider; the dollar amount will be approved through the VCWIB's Accountability Committee. The VCWIB has not received the allocations from the State, so what is being suggested is based on previous funding and could change depending on the allocations.

Brunacci asked for any questions or clarification on why CCS was chosen and not District 118.

Childs stated that she would review the minutes of the Evaluation Team before making any comments.

Brewster reported that the minutes of the April 10th meeting, which is the meeting the proposals were reviewed is on the website. The minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting are done, but are waiting to be approved. The website is www.vermilioncountyietc.com and the minutes are found under the "WIB" on the side bar menu.

Phillippe asked what happens if the Youth Council does not approve the Evaluation Team recommendation. Brewster clarified that the Evaluation Team would meet and start the process over taking into consideration the Youth Council Comments.

Motion to approve the Evaluation Team Recommendations as Center for Children Services as the Youth Provider was made by Jonathan Jett, seconded by Brain Hensgen and approved by a voice vote. Muriel Barnes abstained. Motion carried.

- 5. Council Exchange** – Muriel Barnes informed of Center for Children Services Flower Sale Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. also on the May 10th and 11th. The students have prepared 100 baskets and had an interview with the News Gazette. The flower sale helps the Youths use their applied learning, what is learned in Math Class and learn Employer Skill training is applied. Last year the youths made \$5,000. The youths have done a lot of interesting things with the containers.

Jonathan Jett found a foundation on grants with Starbucks for youth literacy and Staples for Education and Job Skill programs. Another is Job Opportunities for low income youth, which is a federal grant and will pass them onto the Grant Writer.

Lori Brewster reported on the TAT grant funding received to do the WorkKeys Project. Brewster reviewed timeline of project. Brewster had been meeting individually with each school to review the school testing results with comparison to the junior testing of each local school and state results along with what the local industries require.

Brian Hensgen reminded everyone of the DACC Career Fair to be held tomorrow at DACC from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Muriel Barnes informed that youths entered I sing Body Electric contest, those who entered won \$100 to do a project.

- 6. Comments from the Chair** – Phillippe commented on the big gap of \$230,000 and there are so many unmet needs and this committee needs to think about how to get youths in the workforce.

Brewster reported that the Evaluation Team Chair Chuck Brooks had asked that the Youth Council review the idea of doing a smaller RFP for a start up project. This had been reviewed in the past and the Youth Council had shot the idea down. Brooks had stated that he felt this was the only way that new ideas were going to get started and until this is a priority of the Youth Council nothing he did not see this happening. It is up to the Youth Council and the WIB to decide this. Hensgen had informed to the Evaluation Team of doing more employer services.

Brunacci stated that the Youth Council looks at the needs and when you start to take away from other pots then can that pot be adequately be funded.

Brewster stated that it was reported out to the Evaluation Team that there is approximately \$14,000 in incentive dollars and potentially close to \$40,000 in carryover funds. It is the Youth Council that gives direction to the WIB and the WIB is who decides how the funding will be used.

Hensgen informed that IL DCEO has received a waiver from Department of Labor to set aside 10% funding stream from Adult, Dislocated and Youth funding to use towards incumbent worker training program, which allows JTP to work with local employers to design a program to upgrade employee skills and a chance to move up the ladder and possibly a increase in pay. Hensgen stated still trying to get funds from ILDCEO for the E-learning initiative.

Lynn Childs stated a shortage of Child Care Providers and would be interested in a co-hort or even video classes for youths. There is a shortage of license eligible child care providers.

Phillippe would like to see the TA grant used towards a speaker to address working with hard to serve youths.

Brewster reported that the TA grant was applied for funds to assist those who are suspected of having a learning disability to be tested. Another foundation grant was also found and a proposal was submitted for the same idea.

Items from the Floor –Cheryl informed of a grant being written for 18-29 for 1 million dollars for ex-offenders the funds would be used as an incentive for employers to hire.

Career workshops with youths to work with the youths to get jobs with would also have an employer incentive to work with the youths. Looking at ages 16 and above for the workshops.

Brewster questioned Barnes on why the outdated educational material is not covered through the Adult Ed Grant. Barnes stated that Adult Ed has only given CCS one copy.

7. Next Meeting Scheduled - June 5, 2007

8. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynn Childs, seconded by Brian Hensgen and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.