

**VERMILION COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, August 8, 2006 AT 1:00 PM
Vermilion County Court House Annex 6 N. Vermilion St., Danville IL**

Members Present: Muriel Barnes Nancy Boesdorfer Tamera Fortenberry Nancy Hamilton
Sandy Martin Dee Ann Ryan Kay Smoot Amy Streuer

Members Absent: Lynn Childs Thomas Fisher Scott Heatherton Brian Hensgen Angela Joy
Gary Ludwig Jean Norton Trisha Osterbur Betty Shaffer Debbie Stark

Guest/ Staff/ Proxies: Barb Chatman proxy Kevin Kegley Judy Woodall, WorkSource Lori Brewster

CALL TO ORDER – Dee Ann Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Introductions were done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2006 Youth Council Meeting as presented was made by Nancy Boesdorfer (?), seconded by Tamera Forthenberry. Approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM—YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP –Motion to approve new member Frank Brunacci with WorkSource was made by MiMi Barnes, seconded by Amy Johnson. Approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion Carried.

REVIEW COLLABORATION CHARTER – Ryan informed that this was a process that Brewster had brought back from the National Association of Workforce Boards Conference. Brewster explained that this exercise is used in working with communities and new projects. It is found when beginning a project it is easier to outline the project and goals to stay on track, carry out the project and not get lost along the way. Ryan stated that the Youth Council has identified a project of youths that have dropped out of school and are not able to pass the TABE test and may have a disability referred for testing or back in the system somehow. The Council did make suggestions at the last meeting, but have decided to back up and use this process for clarification, discuss steps on how to move forward.

- I. **Mission/Purpose/Reason** – Identify and serve public and private school dropouts that are unable to test above the 8th grade level using TABE.
- II. **Values / Assumptions/Barriers affecting project** – Positive and Negative leverages

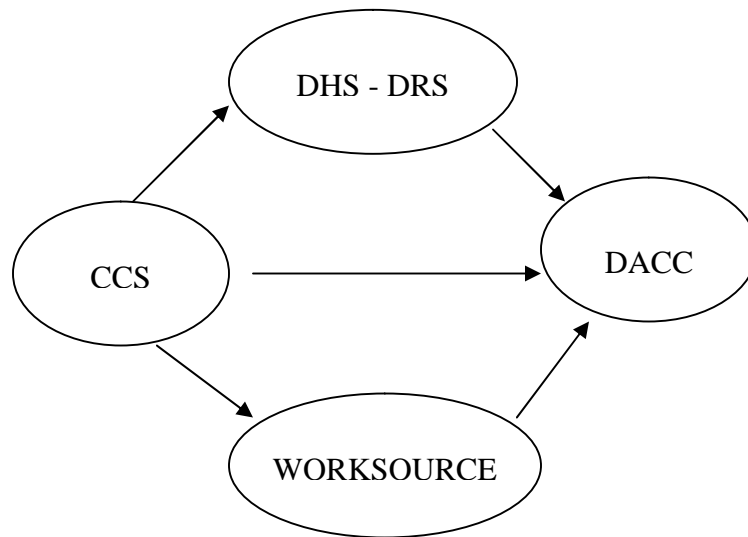
Positive Leverages	Negative Leverages
Individual can be employed	Perception of Dropouts and the worthiness of helping them and lack of sensitivity of cause behind the reason individuals did drop out
Individual can be employed without GED or High School Diploma	Negative perception of individual of individual participation in program
Individuals gains independence	Labeling of Disability the perception of
Individual gains self confidence	Lack of Understanding
Individual obtains education	Geographics
Collaboration of Inter-Agencies entities interested in solving problem	Transportation
Individuals without GED or High school diploma will be reduced in the County	Funding

III. Existing Programs, Initiatives and Resources

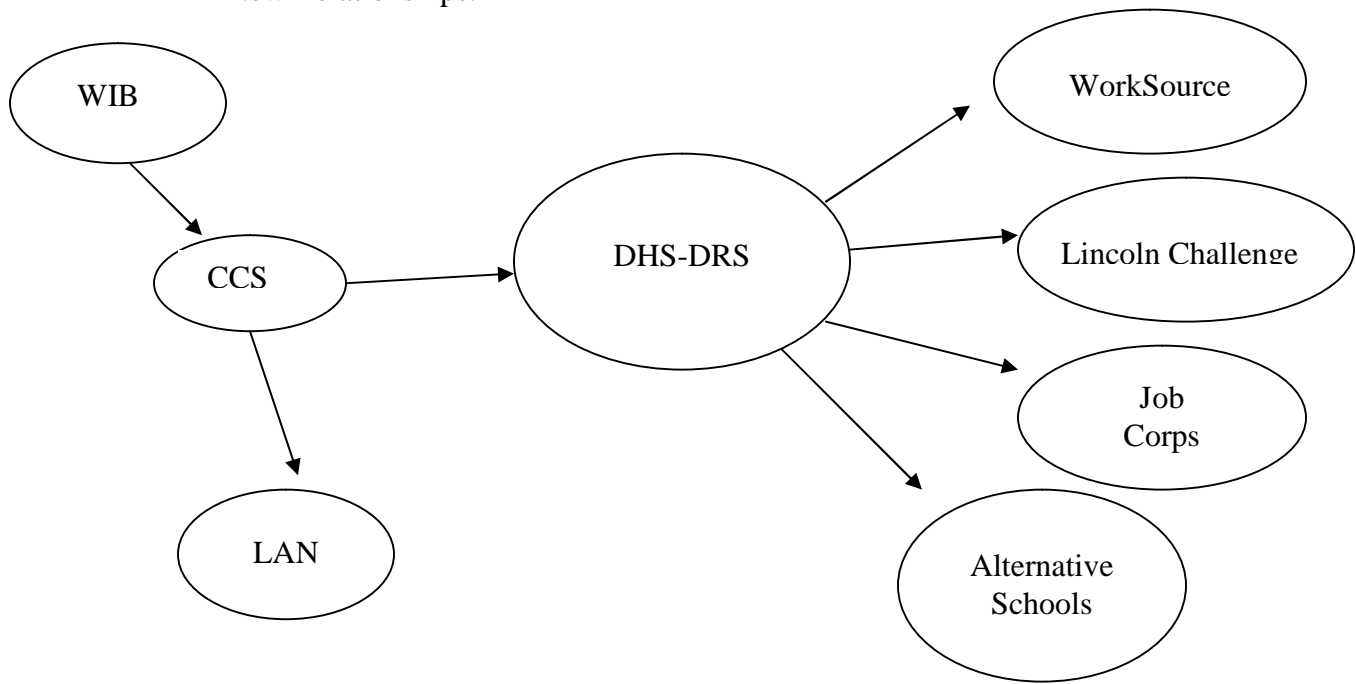
Existing Programs	Alternative Programs	Initiatives	Resources
CCS – Grads Program	Safe School	<i>None Listed</i>	Vermilion Co. Workforce Investment Board / Youth Council
DHS – DRS (Step Program)	Middle Fork Education		LAN Wrap Around
Job Corps	Dist 118 Alt Program		
Lincoln’s Challenge	Project Success – Truancy Alternative School at Danville Housing Authority		
WorkSource	College Express		
DACC			
STEP			

IV. How to connect the Dots – Interrelated System and New Relationships

Interrelated System:



New Relationships:



V. Timeline and Responsibilities - postponed until next meeting

NEW UPDATES ON YOUTH PROJECT – Mimi distributed information on how many kids applied to GRAD Program – ages 16-21 (300), who refers to CCS, how many kids applied for the GED Test – 124 testers this year (previous years were also distributed), scores of testers were reviewed only 12% enrolled in the CCS program of that were eligible.

COUNCIL EXCHANGE – Barnes gave report on Café on the Lawn and the Youth Performance. Barnes also announced new partnership with the Salvation Army and the use of the Salvation Army’s vacant kitchen for CCS catering.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – Ryan informed that individuals from IL Department of Human Services called “Smart Path” are coming to the Vermilion County Providers meeting scheduled for August 25th at the library to meet with agencies funded through IL Department of Human Services to see how collaboration is working within the community.

Ryan discussed Project Back on Track, which is integrating mental health services with positive interventions with the schools. Ryan attended a conference last week in Naperville, and what Vermilion County is doing is very state of the art.

School and Community Partnership meeting is held the second Thursday of every month on the second floor of the Danville Public Library at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR – MiMi Barnes thanked Nancy Hamilton and the DHS-DRS for service to an individual.

NEXT MEETING – September 12, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion to adjourn was made by Muriel Barnes, seconded by Sandy Martin. Approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.