

**VERMILION COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, September 13, 2005 AT 1:00 PM
Vermilion County Court House Annex
6 N. Vermilion St., Danville IL**

Members Present: Muriel Barnes Nancy Hamilton Brian Hensgen Kevin Kegley Renee' Poke
Dee Ann Ryan

Members Absent: Nancy Boesdorfer Thomas Fisher Scott Heatherton LaDonne Hightower Amy Johnson
Angela Joy Sandy Martin Jean Norton Trisha Osterbur Betty Shaffer
Patricia Shedlock Michael Stephens Debbie Stark

Guest/ Staff/ Proxies: William Boyer Lori Brewster

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Barnes commented that referencing the Update on Evaluation Team Outcomes in the minutes, that she was confused about working with some of the recommendations of the Challenges because they were not a part of the Act and would not effect the program outcomes and to keep this in mind when evaluating outcomes and performance. Motion to approve the minutes as presented of the May 17, 2005 meeting was made by Brian Hensgen, seconded by Muriel Barnes. Approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM—YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP – Ryan informed that upon the resignation of Mike Stephens, Lynn Childs had called and expressed an interest in replacing Stephens on the Youth Council Committee. Ryan commented that she appreciated Stephens' commitment and service to the Youth Council Committee as well as in the community. Motion to approve the resignation of Mike Stephens and approve the appointment of Lynn Childs to fill the vacancy was made by Renee' Poke, seconded by Kevin Kegley. Approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

DISCUSS POPULATION SERVED BY YOUTH – Ryan informed that she wanted to re-familiarize the committee on Youth Plan and the process of how the team develops the RFP and the mandates that come from the Federal Government and/or the WIA. Next month (October) is when the new yearly RFP will be developed. Ryan hoped that the committee would be able to incorporate some of the recommendations of the Challenges in the new RFP. Ryan suggested that the committee members look at the recommendations of the Challenges and “pull out” any ideas that were worthy. Ryan expressed that her opinion was that the mission of this committee was not only look at how to spend the WIA funds, but to also look at other funding sources, and bring people together that could help fund the programs. Poke informed that the WIA funding is extremely limited. Currently it is not known what the Governor's plan is. This year District 118 was funded, but it was for participant who were currently in the program. If next year there are less funds, what is the Youth Council proposing. The Council should be looking at either collectively partnering with other programs, or writing for additional grants. Poke would like to see Youth Council partner with Community Action Program, Danville Housing Authority, Boys and Girls Club, and possibly invite those organizations to a “Youth Summit” meeting. Poke stated that to find out what

services are currently available in this community and work with those, the Council should start early. Ryan stated that WIA is a small piece of the pie, and we need to develop a community wide plan for workforce development and put in place. Poke questioned what Job Corps is doing and do they need referrals. Ryan agreed that it needs to be a larger comprehensive group. Ryan suggested that more discussion on a Youth Summit be placed on the agenda for next meeting. Poke suggested that the Summit be attended by a group of 15 or 20 people from various agencies. JTP program will not start until July 1, 2006, but time is needed to get everything in place. Brewster informed that the October 4th meeting would be when the calendar would be developed. Brewster would mail the Youth Council packet to the membership.

Hensgen informed that with the new RFP, there had been discussion on adding to the RFP or creating a new RFP to focus on some of the special needs in the community, however limited funding may eliminate the ability to do that. Included in the packet is the new Performance Goals that were negotiated with the State. The top seven are what the Youth Council is concerned with. In the past five years WIA-18 has met or exceeded all those measures, due to the excellent work by CCS and District 118. Because of our successes in the Youth Skill Attainment Rate the performance measure has gone from 66.7% in 2002 to 80%. Last year the incentive dollars received was \$26,000. All areas of the 26 areas that exceed the numbers are thrown into a pool to receive a portion of the incentive dollars. Ryan suggested having a presentation on summarizing the youth plan, funding, and performance measures for the October 4th meeting before we start working on the RFP. Hensgen clarified that in WIA Reauthorization discussion of in-school/out-of-school, changing percentages is being discussed.

Ryan questioned whether it would be possible to have an agenda item on each month to do due an update to the council on how the youth providers are doing. Ryan did not think that most people understand the complexities of these grants.

IDENTIFY NEED IN THE VCWIB COMMUNITY AUDIT CHALLENGES DISCUSS ENCOMPASSING THE NEEDS IN YOUTH PROGRAM RFP – No discussion –will be discussed in the development of the RFP

DISCUSS AGES, GEOGRAPHY OF DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICES AND RISK FACTORS WITHIN YOUTH PROGRAM RFP – No discussion –will be discussed in the development of the RFP

DISCUSS YOUTH PLAN AND THE NUMBER BEING SERVED THIS YEAR – No discussion –will be discussed in the development of the RFP

PRESENTATION: E-LEARNING YOUTH INITIATIVE – IL DCEO Kim Kuchenbrod – No presentation by Kuchenbrod. Hensgen informed that this is a new initiative piloted by the State, which has been tried in Alton, Chicago, and Springfield that is a one-year on-line high school diploma. Vermilion County, is one area that the State is considering expanding next. The State is offering \$90,000 to our area to get the program started. The \$90,000 is to whenever we could get the program up to the State guidelines by December 31. After the pilot there would be a 50% match. The first year Vermilion County would have to support the program 100%. Hensgen stated that our funds are already allocated so it would be impossible for us to come up with any funds.

COUNCIL EXCHANGE – Barnes gave an update of Café on the Lawn, reporting that it was successful and made \$15,100. CCS had done a successful job for the Village of Tilton, which can be seen from I-74, did a sign at the Village of Tilton City Hall for \$600. CCS catered the IETC Open House, and did a professional job. CCS school has started and there are 30 new kids in the program, and partnering with DACC those students can get into DACC sooner. Barnes stated that she has shifted her perspective from being a receivership program to being a leadership and entrepreneurial program. CCS is looking at the Pearson-Meeks mansion at the corner of Wayne and Elizabeth Streets. Cost to rehabilitate is unaffordable, so we will keep looking. U of I has called and asked us to be a part of the Master Gardner Garden Walk next year.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – Ryan announced that Family Resource may lose the State grant funding. Saturday, September 17, 2005 will be Women-Aid's first fundraiser. Anyone interested is invited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR – Barnes announced that since the teen parenting program has moved to 611 Oak Street, so the vacated area is being turned into a day treatment center.

NEXT MEETING – October 4, 2005 at 1:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion to adjourn was made by Mimi Barnes, seconded by Renee' Poke. Approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.