YOUTH COUNCIL ON WORKFORCE SERVICES
Monday, August 21, 2006
1385 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah
Monthly Meeting Minutes
2:00 p.m.

Presiding: Paul Jackson, Chair

Present: James Andersen, Linda Fife, Kay Forbush, Senator Brent Goodfellow, Parley Jacobs (for Dr. Stephen Ronnenkamp), Sandra Hemmert, David Melville, Akilah Messado, Kevin Miller, Angela Romero, Jude Schmid, Sheri Van Bibber

Absent: Roland Oliver, Gay Pinnecoose, Melva Sine

Excused: Claire Turner

Guests: Matt Boerke-Catholic Diocese of SLC, Kent Fitzgerald-SL County, Michael Gallegos-SL County, Dena Jimenez-Helps - Management & Training Corp. (MTC), Brad Neufeld-Winfield Academy, Steve Titensor-SL County DYS (for Pat Berckman), Shauna Young- MTC

Staff: Amber Adams, Rod Barlow, Steve Leyba, Diane Lovell, Mary Peterson

Committee breakout sessions began promptly at 2:00 pm and concluded at 2:45 pm.

1. Opening Remarks and Introductions

Chairman Paul Jackson called the Youth Council meeting to order at 2:45 pm. He welcomed several guests and asked for brief introductions, which included:

- Brad Neufeld from Winfield Academy – Mr. Neufeld has been working with at-risk youth for 18 years in many capacities. He shared that he had been working in the southern part of the state until recently where he was on the DWS Western Region Youth Council. He is currently working in the Tooele area where a residential treatment center is being built for youth. He expressed his willingness to serve in any way he can.
- Dena Jiminez-Helps, Admissions Counselor for Management & Training Corporation (MTC), conducts recruitment for the Clearfield Job Corps. She is currently working on a special effort with Horizonte School and Clearfield Job Corp doing a "co-enrollment" for non-resident students. She wants to get youth off the street, into Job Corp and put them back into the community. "standing on their own two feet".
- Matt Boerke from the Catholic Diocese of SLC – Mr. Boerke noted his purpose in being at the meeting was to see what is available so as not to "reinvent the wheel".

- Shauna Young, Admissions Counselor from MTC, is based at Weber Basin Job Corps.
- Steve Titensor, Clinical Director for SL County Division of Youth Services (for Pat Berckman).

Paul Jackson then recognized Linda Fife who is leaving the Salt Lake area to take a new position in Florida. Mr. Jackson wished her well in this new endeavor, noted her many contributions to Youth Council, and expressed appreciation for all she has done.

2. Approval of May 15, 2006 Minutes

Paul Jackson entertained a motion to approve the minutes from May 15, 2006. Sheri Van Bibber motioned to approve the minutes as written and James Andersen seconded the motion. All voted "Aye". The motion carried.

3. Youth EmployAbility Services Contract (YES) Extension – Rod Barlow

Rod Barlow provided a brief summary and handout of the WIA Youth Contract Renewal recommendation for the Salt Lake County YES Program. The handout included a summary of the following:

- Enrollments/Exits
- Expenses
- Youth Barriers
- PY05 Performance Outcomes (using real-time exit data)
- Case Edits
- Targeted Industries
- Other Contract Services & Goals
- Contract Monitoring
- Central Region Staff Recommendations

A graph including WIA Youth Characteristics by Region and calendar year was also included. Sheri Van Bibber asked if there was a waiting list and Jude Schmid responded that the waiting list is very abbreviated and the first appointment is typically within 2 to 2-1/2 weeks after receiving the applicant's information sheet.

Dave Melville asked if there is any outreach or information disseminated at the County jail. During the Compliance Committee meeting a discussion took place regarding the difficulty in identifying youth of incarcerated parents and how to let these individuals know the program exists. Ms. Schmid responded that early contact was made with PIN (Premier Information Network) and the YES Program will work to re-establish ties with this Network.

Paul Jackson noted that when the YES contract was initially executed, many of the on-going details were to be monitored by Dave Melville and his committee to ensure compliance. He complimented staff for the smooth transition of bringing the program into the new location at 1385 South State.

Senator Goodfellow asked what the dollar amount was for the next year. Rod Barlow indicated that the budget is approximately $1.9M, representing a 15% reduction from the prior year.

Following the discussion, DWS staff recommended the YES contract be renewed for another year. David Melville motioned to approve this recommendation. Sheri Van Bibber seconded the motion. All voted "Aye". The motion carried.

4. Youth EmployAbility Services – Administrative Transfer

Paul Jackson indicated that a change in administration of the Youth EmployAbility Services (YES) Program has taken place. Mike Gallegos and the Community Resources and Development Division has transferred administrative responsibility for the Program over to the Salt Lake County Division of Youth Services under the direction of Ms. Pat Berckman and her staff team. Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Gallegos for his efforts and the services he and his department has provided in the administration of the YES Program. Chairman Jackson then, in Ms. Berckman's absence, extended a welcome to Steve Titensor, Clinical Director. Mr. Titensor then presented a brief overview of the Division of Youth Services. He also circulated a brochure that provided an outline of the information discussed and noted that new brochures would be amended to include the YES Program.

5. DWS Update – Steve Leyba

Jon Pierpont, Regional Director was called to another meeting and Steve Leyba, Assistant Regional Director provided information on his behalf. Mr. Leyba noted that the Department of Workforce Services has enjoyed working with Mike Gallegos and Kent Fitzgerald and expressed appreciation for the successful, long-term partnership. He also noted that DWS is looking forward to working with Pat Berckman and the Salt Lake County Division of Youth Services.

Mr. Leyba next shared a summary of the DCFS/DWS Door Opener Project, which is an effort to get businesses involved with mentoring and supporting foster youth. A Door Opener Kick-Off event is planned and an introduction to the Project will presented at the Council of Councils Conference on October 12.

6. WIA Performance Outcomes – Rod Barlow for Karla Aguirre

Rod Barlow shared a performance outcome report and noted that the Department of Labor (DOL) has replaced the previous seven measures with three new "common" measures. Mr. Barlow discussed the new measures and asked the members to read the Common Measures Overview included in the Agenda Packets (pg-9). At the October meeting, additional discussion will take place regarding the measures and possible strategies that will lead to improved performance.

7. Committee Progress Reports

Alternative Education – James Andersen noted that the Coordinated Services MOU does not apply to youth. Mr. Andersen and Linda Fife will draft a memorandum that addresses FIRPA (Freedom Information Right to Privacy Act) obstacles and the fact that that when youth drop out there needs to be a plan to forward the information on drop outs to alternative education partners. This memo would be sent to Bill Evans, Attorney General Office (AG) and to Carol Lear at the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) for their review and action. Mr. Jackson suggested that once a draft is prepared, it be sent to DWS Legal Counsel and Tani Downing before sending it to the AG and USOE. A draft will be prepared by the middle of next week.

Performance/Contract Compliance (Most in need) – Dave Melville had no additional information to offer other than what Rod Barlow reported.

Business & Targeted Industries – Amber Adams discussed the upcoming events for youth to participate in such as MotorFest, Construction Career Fair in April 2007. In July a very successful general Job Fair was held at Salt Lake Community College Skills Center and another one is scheduled on October 3, 2006.

Youth Activities/Partnerships – Sheri Van Bibber shared that seven different groups will be sent a survey to review the "Just for Youth" website. Ms. Van Bibber requested that a group of youth from the YES program look at this website and she will be in contact when ready. Questions covering, "What is user-friendly and what is not", and "What age group is involved" will be used in the survey. This information will be reviewed by September 5, 2006. By October 16, 2006 the results will be compiled and presented at Youth Council.

Rod Barlow suggested speaking with Pam Russell (538-4308) as she understands the youth that have been involved in developing this website. Paul Jackson suggested including a survey question such as "Were you aware of the website?"

8. Roundtable and Announcements

Paul Jackson referred to an article featured in the Deseret Morning News on *Strength of the Human Spirit: YES Helps Youths Overcome Obstacles*, which was provided to all in attendance.

A brochure on the planned MotorFest event was also circulated. It is scheduled on September 27 and 28 with Family Night on September 28 from 6:30-830 pm. Mr. Jackson encouraged members to attend.

Chairman Jackson announced that the next Youth Council Meeting will be on October 16 and also mentioned the annual Council of Councils scheduled on October 12 at the University Park Hotel. One Outstanding Youth Customer will be recognized at the Council of Councils, and this year's Youth Customer award recipient is Trevor Stenberg of the YES Program.

9. October Agenda Setting
No information was provided at this time.

10. Other Business
There was no other business discussed.

11. New Business
There was no new business.

12. Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Paul Jackson adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.