



Central Region Youth Council
Department of Workforce Services
 1385 S State St room 157
May 27, 2010
 2-4 p.m.



MEETING MINUTES

Presiding: Chuck Krivanek
 Present: James Taylor, Akilah Messado, Dena Helps, Edith Bird, Maria Ponce, Claudia Thorum, Mindi Holmdale (guest for James Andersen), Diana Bevan, Kevin Miller, Sandra Hemmert
 Staff: Steve Leyba, Cassy Hahn, Rebecca Banner, Jude Schmid, Connie Laws, Sheila Sconiers, Alexia Murphy, Sarah Hudgins,
 Excused: Damian Choi, Steven Titensor, James Andersen
 Absent: Deena Ott, Kim Ontiveros, Sheri Vanbibber, Stacy Brubacker,

Topic	Decision(s)	Assignment(s)
Meeting was called to order – (Chuck Krivanek) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members welcomed 2. Request was made for members to update their contact info for the Youth Council roster and also provide updates to the Youth Resource Guide For Dropping Back In. 3. Introductions of those attending 		
Approval of Meeting Minutes – (Chuck Krivanek)	Motion to accept minutes by Edith Bird; Second by Dena Helps; Motion carried	
Youth Chair Report – (Chuck Krivanek) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Youth Council <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. They are working on the same issues we are. b. Jane Broadhead reported that the state youth council had voted to continue with the delivery of youth training providers that was established last year to include the SL County Youth Employability Services for the WFS service area and all other regions maintained the same providers as well. c. Each Chair representing their service area took a moment to inform the group what their Youth Councils have been working on. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Youth Re-engagement project was well received and the group was very interested in the approach our Youth Council has taken in forming ad-hoc committees to work on projects. 		

<p>d. Strong concerns with how the department was re-organizing were voiced in not wanting to lose the great partnerships that have been established due to changes coming to the Council system. Was clearly communicated back to the State Council in the afternoon meeting.</p>		
<p>DWS Updates & Announcements – (Rebecca Banner) (<i>Handouts</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The annual monitoring report was presented for the YES contract b. Every year each region does a formal monitoring/edit of WIA Youth cases. c. Rod Barlow served as our representative for this service area but has not been re-assigned and is working in the American Fork office. Sheila Sconiers will be Rods replacement. Rebecca presented his report. Monitoring happened last December. d. 10% of the cases that were active and open were edited. e. The targeted compliance rate is 88% rating. The YES scored 97% f. The information was shared at the State Council and recommendation was to continue the contract. 		
<p>WFS Service Area Director’s Report – (Steve Leyba)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DWS has a new home page: jobs.utah.gov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cassy provided the group with a live presentation of the website. b. The main web page has been made easier to locate information based on the four headings: Job Seekers, Employers, Assistance, and Information c. To locate the “Just For Youth” piece select the “more” link under the Job Seeker category d. Additional tutorial provided: scrolling feature at the bottom of the page with the hot links, like Utah Futures, unemployment rates, labor market information and news, etc. 2. Steve took time to talk about the transition of our agency. Handed out a 1-page sheet sharing information from Rick Little with very informative points (refer to last page). The information was reviewed and discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. These points tie back to what we hope to achieve in this service area. b. Looking at labor market information and trend lines as well as wage levels and education requirements, we hope to communicate and support our partners in helping prepare tomorrow’s workforce. 3. One of the youth council’s deliverables is to “Identify and/or encourage the development of local education and career pathways for youth and adults in the selected targeted industries.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Steve committed to share that information so that this Council would know where we are pushing and driving customers. 4. Steve shared with the group what is currently happening with the re-organization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We have lost a lot of momentum, initiatives have been delayed, etc. b. All managers need to apply for their positions where we went from 9 managers to 5. c. All the workload had to be shifted/adjusted and have now moved to a functional approach. d. Reviewed the types of function and how they work in the employment centers: 		<p>All: If you have door</p>

<p>Connection, FEP, Training, and Program Teams. This information will be presented and the retreat and introductions will be made of the new management staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Are now in the process of developing a service area plan which will also be presented at the retreat. Will let you all know how the council and youth council will function. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Monitoring and oversight of the youth contract, etc. ii. Steve asked for some feedback from the Youth Council. f. Everyone is invited to the retreat and thanks to Dena for representing the Youth Council. g. Cassy asked for donation of any door prizes for the retreat and gave an overview for the day's events. <p>5. Cassy asked for this Councils support in letting her know if they would like to volunteer to have their agency highlighted at a future Youth Council meeting in an effort to share resource information and expertise to what is available in our community to assist our youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chuck encouraged members to offer to host future meetings as their venue as well. 		<p>prizes to donate for retreat, let Cassy or Dena know.</p> <p>All: Let Cassy know if you'd like to be a resource spotlight at a future Youth Council meeting</p>
<p>Youth Re-engagement Project – (Cassy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cassy indicated that she will now pick up the project from Rod and would like to institute more consistent timelines when lists would be sent out and reports returned. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dena indicated that it things could be more structured b. Information now needs to come to Cassy c. Need to look at who is responsible to send the lists and their contact information. d. The data that is being sent out needs to be secured (per Sandra Hemmert) e. A package needs to be put together that is shared with all partners for consistency and marketing purposes (i.e. consistent forms, pathways, contacts, etc.). f. Need SSID# for students for consistency. The student number is not helpful g. The committee needs to meet and get the structure and organization back in place and get the momentum going again. h. Edith indicated that they have a new adult HS coordinator; Renae Heirer. i. Would like to see another orientation/presentation made to the partners. j. Goal is to get every HS student to sign a release form for the district to share information about themselves to alternative education partners. Then get these kids re-engaged. k. Steve has been asked by our executive director regarding what percentage of re-engagement exists. There have been problems with defining re-engagement. There is a difference between contact and actual participation on the students part. Also need to look at how to count students that re-engage months or a year later. l. Would like to target Canyons, Jordan, Murray and Tooele. 		<p>Cassy: Send out the contact list to the group</p> <p>Cassy to look at security measures to send info.</p> <p>Dena will get a meeting scheduled for all the partners to reconvene this project.</p>
<p>Roundtable & Additional Introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diana Bevan – with SLCC and Kevin Miller's counterpart. She is an outreach specialist working with refugees and other populations. She is working on a script that will be used by translators 		<p>Cassy – need to look at resource flyer in getting</p>

<p>with customers from Somalia, etc. These scripts can go out into the community. Do outreach to general communities. Wondered if there was a PowerPoint presentation to market resources.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Claudia Thorum – Granite School District have adult ed and alternative HS and Parent program. Have a transition counselor housed in the center who goes over the flyer and range of resources. Also a GED testing center. Do prep work and conduct test. 3. Maria Ponce – Juvenile Justice Center and works with YES – looking to do some more job fairs for kids inside the facility. 4. Edith Bird – Jordan School District, works with the kids in HS and hope to keep kids from leaving 5. Dena Helps – Job Corps (Admissions Counselor) Her area is downtown SLC all to point of mountain and both East and West of I-15 recruit from Clearfield Job Corp and some centers in Montana. Do a lot of outreach to students and work to get them re-engaged in programs. 6. Cassy Hahn – DWS – Region Council Coordinator 7. Sarah Hudgins – Program Specialist working on contracts 8. Kevin Miller – Directs affairs for the School of Applied Technology. Couple of things: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The college has the YouthBuild program. b. Fundamentals of Lab Science (8 week unit of instructions; 32 weeks in it’s entirety to get entry level into Bio-Tech. Targeting disadvantaged populations; scholarships are available. Cohorts every 8 weeks. c. Has a grant from Mexican Consulate for English as a second language. d. Working with SL County Gang Taskforce to help provide some support services to get kids out of the gangs. e. World Refugee coming up on June 19th. Variety of activities. 9. Alexia Murphy – Program Specialist on Rebecca Banner’s team will be working with WIA 10. Sheila Sconiers – Program Specialist and also working on WIA 11. Connie Laws – Training Manager for Steve. Team leader for the north part of the state for the State Energy Partnership Grant in conjunction with SLCC and will be serving at-risk youth. A core training in which everyone will go through and then choose one of the energy sectors they wish to go into (i.e. wind, solar, geo thermal) No cost to participant. Hope to have it up and going in September. Will connect completers with employers. Grant goes thru 1/2013 12. Jude Schmid – YES Program Mgr. – working with kids aging out of foster care, and kids in juvenile justice program. In the process of gearing up for the summer youth component. Kickoff event June 15th in Tooele and June 16th in SLC June 17th will be doing a service project at the Tracy Aviary. Target kids out of school, getting their GED and getting tutoring each week. 13. Akilah Messado – Weber Basin Job Corp as a Work-based Learning Coordinator. Work with youth 16-24 age. Difficult and challenging at times. Once complete training attempt to place them. A lot of these youth need parental support and lack structure. Need to re-engage parents to get to the students. We all changes lives one at a time. 14. Steve Leyba – talked about the programs that DWS offers to all customers in helping all these populations in getting developed and becoming job-ready to meet our employers demands. DWS 		<p>it translated into Spanish, other languages?</p> <p>Kevin will send the group additional information.</p>
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<p>faces similar stereotypes with employers based on the populations we serve. But working at it.</p> <p>15. Sandra Hemmert – Granite School District – Works with all levels.</p> <p>16. Mindi Holmdale (here for James Andersen) – non-traditional H.S. program. Have a number of partnerships with many of you. Adult programs available as well. Really work with teacher and staff to help students. Have to explicitly teach respectful behaviors. Offered at orientation and once a month to help guide these students. They have a graduation on June 9th at the Huntsman Ctr. Anyone is invited. Given away \$57,000 in the Horizonte Scholarship fund that went to those students. Job Corp is interested in bringing students to hear their speaker. At 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>17. Rebecca Banner – Program Mgr. We are involved in the Summer Youth Internship program (modified) will target refugee (18-24 yrs old) customers. Another initiative is partnership with unemployment insurance which is back to work, youth subsidized employment. Entice employers to bring adults or youth to work and hire for 4/months and then will opt to hire them. Employees receive a stipend. \$3,000. Have to pay at least \$9/hr.</p> <p>18. Chuck Krivanek – InterContinental Hotels (HR Mgr) Seeing good, optimistic trends in their own company. Reservation centers and is cheaper to hire staff in the Philippines; seen staff drop to lowest level. If anyone traveling this summer send Chuck an email, we have “Friends & Family” rates and can get you a good rate 4,000 hotels around the world. Also, his duties are expanding and is HR support for all of America’s reservations centers and the DWS is Utah is light years ahead of S.Carolina. Must more prefer Utah.</p> <p>19. Kevin asked that if you have “in-school” youth, encourage youth to get referred by CTE Coordinators to enroll in pre-college classes as it is tuition free. They can get a jump on their college education. Stress that they must be ready for a adult environment. Not the structure of a typical HS class.</p>		
<p>Closing Adjourn</p> <p>Next Meeting: June 24th, 2010 Retreat (8:30 a.m. - 1p.m.)</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned.</p>	

Bullets for Rick's comments during the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee Meeting (5/19/2010)

- The most current information about Utah's labor market including the year-over change in jobs and the unemployment rate will be released tomorrow at 9:00am.
- Utah's nonfarm job count for March 2010 decreased 1.9 percent over the past 12 months, continuing the trend of moderate job losses. This represents approximately 22,000 fewer jobs in Utah since March 2009.
- The March 2010 seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point from the previous month to 7.2 percent. The US national unemployment rate remained unchanged at 9.7 percent.
- While there are fewer jobs overall, some industries are starting to show modest growth in employment. Most new jobs are in employment services – especially agencies that supply temporary workers to various industries across the economy. The volume of workers being channeled through temporary help agencies is increasing. This is regularly viewed as an initial step in an economic recovery – as the business community responds to an upswing in demand for goods and services. These jobs can be either full-time or part-time.
- Not all job growth is in temporary services. Current Employment Statistics show that other industries are beginning to hire – including manufacturing. Despite recent layoffs at ATK, nearly 1,000 jobs were added last month in manufacturing statewide. Construction, trade, and education are showing signs of growth. Healthcare continues to be Utah's strongest industry for employment growth. Over the past year, healthcare has added more than 5,400 jobs to Utah's payrolls.
- Government employment in Utah is down 1,700 positions in the last year, as budgetary constraints and winding-down of stimulus spending are impacting public services.
- There 15,000 job openings listed through *Jobs.Utah.Gov* today.
- Food Stamps households are up 33 percent in the last 12 months reaching 102,000 cases. Preliminary counts for April 2010 show signs of leveling. That is, Food Stamps did NOT increase for the first time in 23 months.
- Medicaid cases also leveled off in April at 117,000 households.
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) financial caseloads decreased for the fifth straight month having peaked in November 2009 at 7,700. Preliminary counts for April 2010 are 7,200.
- General Assistance financial cases continue to decrease significantly as the agency is not receiving applications. There were 600 cases in April – down 58 percent in the last 12 months.