

Regional Council

ATTENDEES

Bill Hulterstrom, Utah County United Way
Britt Mathwich, The Homestead
Darren Johnson, USOR (Division of Rehabilitation)
Dave Cook, Clyde Companies
Debbie Shoemaker, Utah County Health
Deborah Van Leeuwen, Wasatch Community Foundation
Debra Pritchett, Utah County Commissioner's Office
Gary Ashby, Life Stories
Gerald White, Utah National Guard
Gifford Briggs, Big D Construction
Jared Ferguson, Provo School District/WIA
Jared Henricksen, DWS
Jeff Lindstrom, Provo Iggy's Sport Grill
JoAn Gerber, DWS
John Talcott, DWS
Julia Mohr, Childcare Resource & Referral
Julie Lay, DWS
Karen Larsen, DWS
Karlyn Norton, Xactware
Kendall Crittenden, Wasatch County Commissioner
Kip Bromley, Alpine School District Adult Education
Krysta Titel, Community Action
Marlene Pelham, Far West Bank
Myla Dutton, Community Action
Pam Niece, Intermountain Healthcare-UVRMC
Paul Kennard, Wasatch County Economic Development
Rickie Bryan, Union Representative
Todd Herbert, Todd's CDL Service
Wally Trotter, Mountainview Hospital

EXCUSED

Brent Platt, Division of Child & Family Services
Brian Christensen, Utah School Employees Association
Clay Christensen, MATC President
Jason Nielsen, Redmond Minerals
Lacey Cherrington, Checknet, Inc
Todd Harris, Nu Skin Enterprises

ABSENT

Beth Rowley, IM Flash Technologies
Randy Stocks, Brent Brown Automotive Group
Sam Jarman, Alpine School District Administrator
Tim Dahlin, Park City Christian Center

WELCOME/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jeff Lindstrom

- Everyone was welcomed and Community Action was given appreciation for the meeting facilities.
- October 23, 2008 Minutes
 - Bill Hulterstrom motioned that these minutes be approved as written.
 - Karlyn Norton seconded the motion.
 - The motion carried unanimously.
- Julia Mohr's book *The Snow Bear* was accompanied by a note from Barnes & Noble who partnered with First Book for the holidays to collect books for disadvantaged children. Book donations may be made by choosing a title from the Children's Department or by asking a bookseller for assistance.

EXECUTIVE REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE UPDATE – Jeff Lindstrom

- Utah has entered a period of continued job losses. A variety of companies are hiring but finding employment is getting more difficult because of the competition.
- The downturn started with residential construction tied to the mortgage and lending crisis, which led to declining home sales. Jobs were lost in the housing industry and expanded to related sectors, i.e., title companies, real estate brokerage, cabinetmakers, etc.
- Utah Unemployment rate for November 2008 3.7%; United States 6.7%. Job Growth = -0.9% for Utah, -1.5% for the United States.
- Mountainland Region will continue to look at the positive areas that includes:
 - Work readiness
 - Resumes
 - People skills

REGIONAL DIRECTOR UPDATE – John Talcott

- **Question & Answer**
 - How are the DWS staffing levels holding up with the influx of traffic?
 - Staff are doing well regardless of the heavy workloads and stress.
- The Unemployment Claims Center has continued to experience a dramatic increase in claims. Filing by Internet is strongly encouraged www.jobs.utah.gov.
- Budget cuts are currently taking place. Governor Huntsman's budget was released last week. Cuts were made across the board. Some money tied to Food Stamps and Medicaid was built back in.
- The Department of Workforce Services needs more staff rather than less with the current workloads!
- The Region is looking forward to:
 - Planning a strategy for/with the Regional Council.
 - DWS Business Services is meeting next week to clarify and define DWS's role in the economic development.
 - The data given today will be used in all planning.
- eREP does not have an implementation date. Instead, Mountainland will be given a 3 months lead to train staff. The American Fork Employment Center is making good progress. DWS is testing and working through the eREP problems.

REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE – Jared Ferguson

- The research guide for youth will be discussed in the January 2009 Youth Council meeting. A brochure of the same information will be done for youth. **If any of you would like something added, please give the information to Julie Lay, jlay@utah.gov.**
- The *Workplace Skills Pilot Course* survey was very successful among the enrolled students surveyed. Sixteen questions were asked. Answers were given on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being “not very helpful” and 5 being “very Helpful”. Written comments from students concerning the survey were most helpful.
- The Mountainland Work Readiness Education course will be presented at the State Youth Council, January 2009.
- IHC conducted a career education conference last week. It was on IHC needs for employees and the opportunities available in healthcare. Much of the information could help guiding counselors.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – Myla Dutton, Community Action Executive Director

- *Mission: We are dedicated to fostering self-reliance in individuals, families and communities.*
- *Community Action is a private non-profit organization that works primarily with low-income people, including families, elderly, disabled persons and other.*
- Programs
 - Food Bank
 - Food Assistance Program: Food boxes, counseling, budgeting and referrals at seven pantry locations
 - H. E. A. T.: Applications are taken only during the period of November 3, 2008 through April, 2009.
 - Family Development: Short-term assistance and long-term support
 - Home Buyer and Mortgage Counseling Services: 801 373-8200, or www.CommunityActionUC.org. Hot Line: 801 691-5200 Monday through Friday.
 - o Pre-home Ownership
 - o Home Buyer Education Classes
 - o Reverse Mortgage
 - o Mortgage Default
 - o Post Purchase
 - o Predatory Lending
 - Community Outreach
 - Trips for Kids Utah Valley: Strengthens youth to resist negative peer pressure by providing mentor support and mountain bike education.
 - Advocacy: Helping bring about change in attitudes as well as in government policies at all levels.
- Funding for housing and rent comes from Federal and many different resources. If the resource is Federal money, there has to be at least one legal status. Something will be given, but it will be less if only one child is legal.
- The Food Bank feeds everyone – legal citizens or not.

- For Wasatch County, food come to Utah County and is then transferred to Wasatch. Utah County makes a delivery every week to Heber.
- Jeff Lindstrom paid tribute to the Community Action volunteers thanking them for their dedication and caring in improving lives.

2009 REGIONAL COUNCIL CALENDAR

- January 8 1:00-3:00 p.m. State Council
- April 9 1:00-3:00 p.m. State Council
- April 23 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Homestead, Britt Mathwich
- June 25 12:00-2:00 p.m. Nu Skin, Todd Harris
- July 9 1:00-3:00 p.m. State Council
- August 27 12:00-2:00 p.m. Utah National Guard, Major Gerald White
- October 7 & 8 All Day
- October 22 12:00-2:00 p.m. **Canceled** All are encouraged to attend Council of Councils
- December 10 12:00-2:00 p.m. DCFS, Brent Platt

SERVICE PROJECT – Krista Titel

- Small brown paper snack-sacks were decorated by Council Members. It is estimated around 75 holiday sacks were completed.
- A variety of colored construction paper, markers, scissors, glue, etc. were distributed.
- The sacks will be filled with treats (candy, orange, etc.) for children.
- The north wall was lined with donated gifts!

ADJOURNED

- 2:00 p.m.