

**Mountainland Regional Council
Regional Youth Council
January 5, 2010
Nebo School District, 350 S. Main, Spanish Fork**

PRESENT:

Anita Craven, Provo Adult Education
Brian Smith, DWS
Chris Fosdick, Vocational Rehab (replacing Troy Hymer)
Glen Bailey, Alpine School District
Jared Ferguson, Chair
Jason Rucker, Vocational Rehab (guest)
JoAnn Tuttle, Nebo School District
Linda Holt, IHC
Lisa Birch, Career Pathway Coordinator
Lori Stewart, MATC
Maira Lesa, WIA Youth
Randon Olsen, Provo School District WBL (guest)
Ranae Lee, Alpine School Dist. – Adult Education
Scott Taylor, Wasatch Mental Health
Shirlee Silversmith, Learning for Life
Suzanne Rodriguez, Wasatch School District
Troy Gasser, DCFS
Troy Hymer, Vocational Rehab

WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jared

Thank you for attending the meeting today. Jared entertained a motion for approval of the October 6th minutes. Suzanne moved for approval, Ranae seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT CTE OVERVIEW – JoAnn Tuttle

Welcome to the newly built Nebo District Office and CTE center. Nebo currently has 26 elementary schools, 6 junior highs, 5 high schools, and 4 alternative/special needs schools. They are looking to build 5 more elementary and 2 junior high schools within the next 5 years. She talked about the CTE program and all the classes involved with that. She talked about the reinforcement for the use of math skills in all CTE classes and the importance of the Student Leadership Organizations.

REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING – Jared

An update about the Richard Paul Evans emergency kits project where family services stores these kits. DWS is in a major transition at this point. Their philosophy is turning towards working with employers to fill the jobs they have open, working longer in that job, and finding “green jobs” (energy areas, digital media and health medical sciences). SLCC currently has a grant for solar energy job training.

STATUS OF THE WIA PROGRAM – Jared

They will continue to serve current students, but cannot take any new students that require funding. They will continue to council new students, but that is all they can do for now with no funding available. Due to the success of our region WIA program, DWS's intent is to not have any further cuts, depending on state funding. We will "continue to press forward."

UPDATE ON HEALTH SCIENCES PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE – Lisa

Currently working on youth summer camps and job shadowing (June). Want to help youth understand all the health jobs available and their options (not just nurses and doctors). Also want to help with college applications, financial aid as well. Want to focus on grade levels for different activities, so as not to repeat. They are meeting next week to talk more about these summer camps, agenda items include, cost, transportation, etc. Looking to have students come by an application process through their health class and the Work-based Learning Coordinators. These summer camps are currently in the working stage right now with more details to follow.

UTAH FUTURES OVERVIEW – Randon

The new SEOP program was discussed and the utahfutures.org website was shown and discussed. Randon welcomed anyone to call him if having trouble understanding the website (801-404-6765 or randono@provo.edu). The main purpose for this website is to have a "one stop shop" software to help students with careers, résumé's, etc. Anyone can look through the website. If a student is logged on with his personal information, he will need his SSID# (not student or social security #), which can be obtained by the student's school counselor. It is hoped in the future this SSID (state student identification) and the student's school ID will become one in the same. It was a very positive website in assisting students with their future.

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW – Brian

Budgets have been frozen and no new services can be allocated in WIA. The state did not anticipate such great need and cost for administration of state programs. DWS is in great transition with few details known at this point.

WIA PROGRAM UPDATE AND LEADERSHIP PROJECT SLIDESHOW – Maira

With the Leadership grant, the WIA students re-painted the Autistic Center facility in Wasatch District. This project built such a great sense of unity. Makes the students feel good to give back. With the slide show, you could see the great job the students did and how happy they seemed to be helping others.

Helping 150 students was the goal WIA had and they now have 170 students being served. Because of funding cuts, there is a freeze on helping any students that requires financial help. However, they can still council students. Please continue to send students who could use their counseling and please share the WIA positives and we will try to hold on and keep it going. All the committee expressed their sadness to see funding cuts

in such a great program that helps our regional youth and thanked Maira and her staff for all their hard work.

YOUTH RESOURCE GUIDE – Jared

Continue to make changes and work on this. Send in any changes or further information. This will be distributed and talked more about at the next meeting. Bring concerns or suggestions from your use of this resource.

DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES – Jason Rucker (guest)

Talked about their On the Job Training – “earning while they are learning” program. There are four specialists that cover the State. They basically take disadvantaged youth (physical and mental disabilities) and find them a job of interest involving their skill level and reimburse the employer for their wages during their training time, in hopes the employer will then hire the student. Youth being served are 16 years of age or older. This provides a good working relationship with community businesses and the youth.

Troy Hymer is the current Youth Council member who will be leaving. Chris Fosdick will be taking his place on this committee. The committee thanked Jason Rucker for his attendance and explanation of their program. Anyone interested can get in touch with him.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 6th, Alpine Adult Education, 987 S. Geneva Road (MATC), room# 115.