

## Mountainland Region Youth Council

September 30, 2008

### Minutes

**Attendance:** Randon Olsen, Brian Christensen, Jared Ferguson, Julie Lay, Cheryl Cummings, Judee Gillies, Kurt Ashworth, Rory Williams, Scott Taylor, Shannon Sirkel, Suzanne Rodriguez, Zenaida Martinez, Donnay Hutchings, Mairia Lesa, Scott Carson, Ranae Lee, Gary Lacock, Zenaida Martinez, Shirlee Silversmith, Linda Holt, Lori Stewart and John Miller (for Troy Hymer).

**NOTE:** Prior to the meeting, there was an orientation presentation by Jane Broadhead, for all new members.

Jared welcomed the committee and indicated he wants to make sure we see youth projects, hear from students, hear reports from the State Regional Council as well as any reports from the WIA program. Jared welcomes any member who wants to share information with this committee.

**Linda Holt, UVRMC, presentation:** “What do I want to be when I grow up...” a presentation about health care opportunities. This presentation is what has been presented in junior high classrooms: accountant, doctor, medical technologist, nurse, pharmacist, physical therapist, radiologist, etc. Students participate in a medical “dress up” while learning about these different jobs. Randon Olson indicated they should add to their presentation information about high school internships at the hospital.

**Career Pathways:** Jared to pass on information to this committee at the next meeting

**Regional Council Meeting update** (the group that this committee reports to): Sam Jarmin, Alpine Assistant Superintendent, shared the Career Pathway information. The MATC has some concerns about perceptions the public may have since being moved, due to UVU needing their building. It was indicated the MATC has a campus in SF and AF and satellite campuses and they also work closely with business in our area. Over the summer there was an education component held there: 3 week class with 15 students who were struggling to find and hold jobs. The curriculum was put together with input from this committee, businesses and other educators. Great experience for the youth as they moved on to adulthood. Lori Stewart, MATC, and Donnay Hutchings put this program/curriculum together. Jared thanked them with a small gift.

**Andrea Scott & Maira Lesa, WIA Program presentation:** A young man was referred from DCFS in 2007 to the WIA program. Barriers prohibited him from completing his education. Because of the WIA program, he is now at UVU with a 3.7 GPA, on the Dean’s List and participating in an internship. It is because of WIA that he has succeeded. Jared awarded him with a plaque from the WIA program. This young man thanked WIA and his counselor, Andrea, for his future, which he feels he would not have if it were not for WIA.

**Proposal of Resource Guide/Flyer:** Jared handed out an example of a resource flyer for youth considering dropping out of high school from the Central Region. The Mountainlands committee wanted to make similar resource guides, with one being a little more student friendly and one to be used more by counselors. Jared asked the committee members to bring ideas to briefly outline the different programs including those in school districts in the region for discussion at our next meeting.

**Construction Super Tour:** Julie Lay gave a handout about this tour, which is for trade and industry teachers and counselors. Registration is Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> and the tour is Oct 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Maira Lesa, WIA Program Update:** Budget goals (used to be able to spend \$8000 per youth, now there is only \$4000 per youth). Looking for community scholarships, etc. Currently have 130 youth enrolled. WIA can serve 150 per year, plus those left on watch status. **Leadership Program:** Wanting to do the next leadership program in the Wasatch District area (last year was in Provo). Any future WIA service projects or ideas, please let Maira or Kristen at WIA know. The last Leadership Program was the largest turnout so far with 40 youth participating. They did a beautification program at Centennial Park. There have been problems there with gang graffiti, which they painted over. Spent about 5 hours there cleaning and painting. Because the youth could SEE their project, it was a success. **Second Leadership Program:** House of Hope: painted murals, got donations for carpet and purchased toys for the kids whose parent was in rehab. **Third Leadership Program:** Care packages for wives of current military participants. **Fourth Leadership Program:** Blankets and towels for the UVRM ICU. \$1000 budget per year for these Leadership Projects.

Jared thanked IHC for the presentation and the WIA program for their success.

**Next meeting presentation:**

DCFS - Trish Cohburn and Suzanne Rodriguez – 4<sup>th</sup> District Court

Everyone introduced themselves and indicated where they are from for all new members. For future meetings, we will make nametags to be helpful for all current and new members.

Shirlee Silversmith talked about a Ginger Bread House fund-raiser for Learning for Life to be held on Nov 13-15. For more information please contact her at: 437-4477 or [ssilvers@lflmail.org](mailto:ssilvers@lflmail.org)

**NEXT MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR:**

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00- noon

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00- noon

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-noon

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-noon