

BOS WIB Youth Council
September 16, 2010
Indiana Government Center South, Room A
Indianapolis, IN 46204
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8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Present: Dennis Wimer, Matt Fleck, Jim Hemmelgarn, Bill Stanczykiewicz, Chuck Smith

Also Present: Leslie Crist, Sue Honcharuk, Brittany Dougherty and Elizabeth Darby of DWD Strategic Initiatives; Robyn Minton, Region 1; Larry West, Region 4; Tony Cross and Brianna Morse, Region 5; Karen Bailey, Region 6; Mike Smith, Region 7; Bart Brown and Michele Bowman, Region 9; Jim Heck, Region 11; Bill Miller, Indianapolis Private Industry Council

Conference Calling: Mayor Wayne Seybold

Absent: TJ Brink; Jim McClelland, Terry Rodino, Sherry Siewart, Rebecca Webb, Matt Ubelhor, Patrick Jamison, and Kathy Delgado

Chair Wimer welcomed Council members and members of the public. Introductions were made, as there were several regional workforce areas in attendance. Regions in attendance were 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, and Marion Co.

Council member Hemmelgarn made a motion to approve the May 13, 2010 minutes; seconded by Council member Fleck. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Council members.

Ms. Brittany Dougherty presented an overview of the 2010 YHCC summer youth employment Program. This program is for youth ages 18-24 and will continue through October 23, 2010. 1994 participants have enrolled in the program this year. Over 1500 summer youth were employed at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) assisting with operations and maintenance with projects related to construction and trail maintenance. For 2010, DNR hired some participants that were in the program last year YHCC as supervisors; paying them \$1.00 more per hour. The response from DNR was very positive. INDOT utilized 419 youth in Regions 1, 2, 3, and 4. These participants worked with road crews and maintained the highways. The National Guard is using 15 participants to assist with the preparation of the former Indiana Soldier and Sailor's Children Home to accommodate the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy. Bi-weekly monitoring continues to determine program improvements.

There have been several success stories for the summer youth program. The Indiana Department of Transportation has hired four participants full-time; they have also assisted participants with CDL licenses, and plan to hire youth for seasonal work.

Chair Wimer requested that Ms. Dougherty present a follow-up of this program to the Committee at either the October or December meeting. This information should include a follow-up of year one and lead into a follow-up of the current year; which would include the outcomes.

Chair Wimer stated the Governor would like to continue the YHCC program; however, the Recovery Act Funds, which currently fund this program, will be gone. He would like the Committee to think of funding possibilities and bring them to the next meeting.

Council member Hemmelgarn made a motion to adjourn the SWIC Youth Council meeting; seconded by Council member Fleck. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 am.