

State Workforce Innovation Council  
Youth Council  
February 18, 2010  
Indiana State Library - History Reference Room 211  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Present: Dennis Wimer, Jim Hemmelgarn, Sherry Seiwert, and Cathy Delgado

Also Present: Leslie Crist, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Brianna Morse, Brittany Dougherty, and Sue Honcharuk of Strategic Initiatives, Chris Guidry, Director of Career and Technical Education, Barbara Street, Erika Cheney, Jim Heck, Lisa Lee, Mike Smith, Michele Bowman

Absent: TJ Brink, Matt Fleck, Patrick Jamison, Jim McClelland, Terry Rodino, Wayne Seybold, Bill Stanczykiewicz, Matt Ubelhor, Rebecca Webb

Chair Wimer welcomed the Council members and members of the audience. Introductions were made as there were several regions in attendance. Regions in attendance were 6, 7, 9, 11, and IPIC.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Council Members.

Ms. Crist provided the Council with an update on State Youth Monitoring. Following the Department of Labor's visit, it was determined that the youth program monitoring should be improved. The Strategic Initiatives team worked with the state monitoring team to develop questions to be used during the monitoring visits. Ms. Crist stated the state monitoring team has completed one visit and is currently monitoring a second region. Ms. Crist said that Tom Brown would come to the next meeting and present his findings to date to the Council.

Mr. Wimer asked the Council to review the monitoring document and provide thoughts and comments. The Council noted that the document did not include questions about outcomes. After discussion, the Council suggested that the regions be asked about targeted outcomes and how they are achieving against the outcomes. The Council wants to understand goals, know how the regions are defining success, and performance against outcome targets as defined by regions. Ms. Crist said she would ask the monitoring team to incorporate questions about regional defined goals and outcomes.

Mr. Wimer introduced JAG Monitoring to the Council. Ms. Crist told the council about the upcoming JAG National Monitoring that will take place in fall 2010 or spring 2011 and will involve visits to every JAG program in the state. JAG National Monitoring is part of the accreditation process. In preparation for the National JAG Accreditation the Strategic Initiatives team is visiting every JAG program this spring.

A Google calendar has been set up listing the scheduled visits. The Council members have access to the calendar and are encouraged to participate in the visits. Mr. Wimer encouraged the Council members to try to attend one or more of the visits so they can see the programs and meet students and staff. Jim Hemmelgarn noted that he has visited several JAG programs separately from the JAG monitoring and encouraged Council members to participate in the visits.

Ms. Crist and Ms. Honcharuk asked Jim Heck of Region 11 to give the Council an update on the JAG monitoring visit that was recently completed in his area. Jim Heck was very positive about the visit and the JAG program. He talked about visiting the program, talking with youth, and meeting with the coordinators. He also talked about the JAG out-of-school program taking place in his region. Ms. Honcharuk also noted the out-of-school youth program in Region 7 and the model they are using.

Mr. Wimer requested preliminary summaries on the State Monitoring Visits and the JAG Monitoring at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Wimer notified the Council of the request for additional JAG CDC scholarships due to the increased number of JAG programs. Mr. Wimer noted that three \$5,000 scholarships were issued at last year's Career Development Conference to JAG participants. The Council has requested that the SWIC grants committee approve the awarding of five, \$5,000 scholarships for this year's JAG CDC totaling the scholarships to \$25,000. If approved, the money will come from the Governors Discretionary Funds. The desire to increase the number of scholarships is related to the increase in the number of JAG programs. Mr. Wimer noted that it would be nice to follow-up with the scholarship recipients. He suggested that the recipients from last year and this year be invited to the Council or SWIC meetings this summer for recognition.

Mr. Wimer reviewed the YHCC numbers from 2009 with the Council. He noted that Ms. Crist would be giving a presentation to the SWIC later today and discussing the budget, program expansion, and partnerships. Ms. Morse reviewed some of the changes that will be new in 2010 based on feedback from 2009. The changes include covering new topics during orientation, supervisor performance reviews as a measure of work readiness, encouraging youth to participate in WorkOne workshops, adding youth supervisors and team leader supervisors, and posting the jobs on Indiana Career Connect.

Mr. Wimer noted that the Strategic Initiatives staff is continuing work on the WIA Youth Questionnaire results. Staff is working to reconcile the responses and get additional information from the regions.

Mr. Guidry provided an update that Career and Technical Education is continuing to work with the Department of Education on ABE. Mr. Guidry noted that they are exploring funding options. CTE and DOE are considering a program in which ABE participants would also receive counseling and case management support through WorkOne offices and occupational training at a CTE career center. Mr. Guidry said they are working on statewide curriculum. They are also working on a RFP. Ms. Crist noted that the JAG out-of-school model would fit in well with this program and offer the employability piece for participants.

Mr. Wimer stated that the Youth Council will review future meeting times to explore having a longer meeting so there can be more discussion on topics.

Upcoming Meeting: March 16<sup>th</sup> IGSC Conference Room 1  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.