

BOS WIB Youth Council  
November 16, 2010  
Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Room 301A  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Dennis Wimer, Jim Hemmelgarn, Bill Stanczykiewicz, Patrick Jamison, and Lloyd Garrison of DOE representing Matt Fleck

Also Present: Leslie Crist, Sue Honcharuk, Elizabeth Darby, and Brittany Dougherty of DWD Strategic Initiatives; Robyn Minton, Region 1; John MacOwan, Region 4; Brianna Morse and Bart Brown, Region 5; Karen Bailey, Region 6; Linda Morley, Region 7; John Corcoran, Region 8; Michele Bowman, Region 9; Bill Miller, EmployIndy

Absent: TJ Brink, Jim McClelland, Terry Rodino, Chuck Smith, Sherry Siewart, Rebecca Webb, Matt Ubelor, 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, 8, 9 and Marion County.

Council member Hemmelgarn made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by council member Stanczykiewicz. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted by the council members.

Chair Wimer reminded the attendees of the reasons for the two separate agendas and provided an update on the timeline for the restructuring of Indiana's Workforce Investment System.

Ms. Brittany Dougherty gave a presentation to the Council on the results of the Young Hoosiers Conservation Corps (YHCC). Ms. Dougherty provided an overview of the two-year program, shared the program results, detailed the partnerships with the Department of Natural Resources, the Indiana Department of Transportation, and the National Guard. Ms. Dougherty identified the number of youth successfully completing at least eight weeks of employment, transitioning into WIA services, entering post-secondary education, and entering employment. Chair Wimer and council member Stanczykiewicz asked about the overlap of participants in the outcomes and how we would follow-up or track the individuals after the program. Chair Wimer also encouraged the Strategic Initiatives team to promote the success of the program.

The BOS WIB Youth Council Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

SWIC Youth Council  
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Also Present: Leslie Crist, Sue Honcharuk, Elizabeth Darby, and Brittany Dougherty of DWD Strategic Initiatives; Robyn Minton, Region 1; Edmond O'Neal, Regions 2 and 3; John MacOwan, Region 4; Brianna Morse and Bart Brown, Region 5; Karen Bailey, Region 6; Linda Morley, Region 7; John Corcoran, Region 8; Michele Bowman, Region 9; Bill Miller, EmployIndy

Absent: TJ Brink, Jim McClelland, Terry Rodino, Chuck Smith, Sherry Siewart, Rebecca Webb, Matt Ubelor, and Kathy Delgado

At 10:55 a.m., Chair Wimer called the State Youth Council to order.

Council member Hemmelgarn made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by council member Stanczykiewicz. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted by the council members.

Mr. Bill Miller of EmployIndy (formerly the Indianapolis Private Industry Council) provided a year end program review of YouthWorks Indy 2010. YouthWorks Indy (YWI) was the Marion County summer youth program funded through the America's Reinvestment and Recovery Act. YWI had six programs in 2010 and all six programs included work readiness, work experience, and education components. Three programs provided industry specific education and work experiences in the fields of healthcare, STEM, and information technology. Two programs provided high-school students the opportunity to earn high school credits. One program served out of school youth and helped them increase their education attainment levels and work towards a GED.

EmployIndy decided to restructure YouthWorks Indy and turn it into a year-round program. The new YouthWorks Indy continues the GED program that features five weeks of education followed by work experience. The program started in August and there will be four cycles of 30 students each. The program plans to serve 120 students.

Ms. Elizabeth Darby shared the proposal to restructure the JAG Career Development Conference into three "super-regional" events followed by a state final. Ms. Darby shared the benefits of moving toward regional events. She would like the council's support in moving toward this structure. Council member Stanczykiewicz and Chair Wimer expressed their support for the restructuring of the Career Development Conference. Council members encouraged Ms. Darby to solicit regional support and involve them in the planning. Council members also offered ideas of meeting facilities

specifically mentioning large employers with training facilities that could be donated for the event. Ms. Darby will be discussing the restructuring with the regions and getting input on assigning schools to each super-regional event, identifying locations, and contacting partners.

Ms. Sue Honcharuk pointed out the latest JAG statistics included in the Council meeting materials. Ms. Honcharuk updated the Council on the JAG National Accreditation Review that occurred October 26 through October 28. The Lead Reviewer met with Ms. Leslie Crist and Ms. Honcharuk and was very positive about the review. DWD has not received a formal report yet, but the initial feedback was very positive. The Reviewer noted the strengths of JAG Indiana include: the teamwork among specialists, managers, coordinators, and service providers; usage of coordinator positions; and connections with WorkOne offices and services. The weaknesses identified by the Reviewer included the lack of collaboration and involvement of the advisory committees and the reliance on WIA funding. Chair Wimer encouraged Ms. Honcharuk to continue exploring other funding streams for JAG.

Ms. Leslie Crist provided the council with an update on the Annual Service Strategy Plan and Budget. Ms. Crist thanked the regions for their work on the plans and timely submissions. She let the Council know that the next step would be for members of the Strategic Initiatives team to visit each region and meet with representatives to discuss the plans and fill in the gaps. Ms. Crist encouraged Council members to review the tables and charts included in the meeting packets and identify questions and concerns. She also encouraged the Council members to think about how they would like to use the information and to share their ideas about what the numbers should be or how a plan should look.

Ms. Robyn Minton of Region 1 shared her thoughts on completing the Service Strategy Plan. Ms. Minton said that the questions were good and challenging. She felt it was a good exercise for the region to thoroughly explore their youth programming. The next step for her region is track the plan to make sure they are on target for their goals.

Council member Hemmelgarn made a motion to adjourn the SWIC Youth Council Meeting; seconded by council member Jamison. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.