



NEIR WIB Youth Council Meeting

January 10, 2012

9:00 a.m.

200 E. Main Street, Suite 910

Fort Wayne, IN 46802

MINUTES



PRESENT: Larry Gerardot, Daysha Jackson, Mary Nance, John Niederman, Van Rockefeller, Christine Singleton, Shirley Woods and Jerry Yoder

STAFF PRESENT: Anne Meadors, Edmond O'Neal

I Call to Order

Edmond O'Neal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II Consent Agenda

Minutes of the 11.15.11 meeting were approved as submitted. Edmond informed the membership that Anthony Hudson resigned from the Youth Council due to mounting obligations.

III Metrics

Edmond presented the Metrics Report. He pointed out that the one Out of School Youth from Blackford County resided in that county but was in the YHCC program in Region 3. The target goal for Out of School youth to be serviced is 260 and currently we are providing services to 97. A large number of youth were recently exited due to performance. 130 new youth are scheduled to enroll by June 1, 2012. Edmond explained that performance is based on:

1. Credential attainment
2. Placement in employment or post-secondary education
3. Have an increase at least one grade level in TABE

Edmond reported that he has requested a spreadsheet from DWD to show what they are tracking and is awaiting it arrival. Jerry Yoder proposed that the NEIR WIB develop a system to report to the board by next meeting so that the Youth Council has the necessary information to make decisions.

IV Youth Council Business

Three providers were selected to provide youth services. One would provide services for In-School Youth and the other two for Out of School Youth. Contracts are currently being drawn up. It was recommended that the Provider be held to a higher standard than DOL standards based on the previous percentages and include incentives in the contract. A question was raised as to what would happen if the Provider did not meet their goal. Edmond informed them that their contract could be pulled and a new RFP could be issued. It was also suggested to add a progressive attainment scale in the contract. The Youth Council would like to see quality of service versus numbers. Edmond explained that Out of School youth will be serviced by two providers and their counties of delivery will be Allen, Grant, and Noble. Youth from the other counties will be transported to the nearest county of delivery. Members did not feel that this program will be successful. They questioned whether the programs could be offered more often and spread around the counties. Edmond noted that youth age 18-21 can also be serviced in WorkOne centers. Members suggested that enrollment goals by county be set and would like to make sure this is carefully tracked to ensure that youth are serviced in all 11 counties in the region. There was a consensus to approve the contracts with the added verbiage.

VI Announcements

- The JAG Statewide Conference will be held in Indianapolis in April. The Regional Conference will take place on March 10, 2012 at the Public Safety Academy. Judges are needed, if any council members are available to judge, please contact Edmond.
- Daysha Jackson informed members about Ivy Tech's Summer Bridge to Success program. This program is open to high school students and dislocated workers. The program will educate attendees on what it takes to be a successful student. This may be something that would be valuable to JAG students.

- Christine Singleton told members about the College and Work Readiness Workshops that are offered to high school students. Various topics are discussed such as Social Media effects on hiring, College 101, Housing, Interview, Resume Skills, and identifying your own personal strengths.
- Region 3 is investigating a Customer Service Certification that is industry recognized. Many youth go into service industry.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday March 13, 2012.

VI Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.