

Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board
Youth Council Meeting

September 24, 2009

Members Present

Billy Collins
Doug Hubbard
Becky Johnson
David MacKenzie
Dean Shawbold
Kathy Kittel

Members Absent

Abe Hassan
Sheldon Jensen
Peter Jessen-Howard EA
Dale Maristuen
Rick Polanski
Jody Yungers EA

Staff/Guests Present

Mary Jo Gardner, WIB Staff
Carli Stark, WIB Staff
Samantha Kormanik
Terry Zurn
Cate Smith-Edlund
Gwen Peterson

Call to Order

Approve Minutes

Motion made by Billy Collins with second by Becky Johnson to approve the July minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

County Board Workshop Update

The County Board hosted a workshop with the WIB on August 4th to discuss the WIB's recent accomplishments and future efforts. The WIB made a list of action items from the meeting that include:

- Increase the involvement and information (data/etc.) from the business community.
- Review the WIB's oversight role and influence of WIA dollars.
- Review the WIB's efforts towards a broader scope of job seekers.
- Show the relationship and interaction between the WIB and Workforce Solutions.
- Show how the WIB is engaging partners in efforts.
- Locate WIBs who receive their funds from businesses.
- Contact the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and the Capital City Partnership to discuss participation and funding of the WIB.
- Review the WIB's involvement in regional workforce efforts.
- Continue updates on the Youth Council's work.

The County Board would like to hear about the WIB's efforts on an annual basis.

Update on Youth Summer Employment

Terry Zurn presented preliminary outcomes for the WIA Youth programs. 560 youth have been served thus far. At the next meeting, there will be a more in depth presentation.

Other

The November Youth Council meeting is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day.

Motion made by Dean Shawbold with second by Doug Hubbard to change the November Youth Council meeting to November 17 at 3:30.

Motion carried.

The next WIB meeting will be held on October 1st at 2:30 and all are encouraged to attend, as it will be the annual planning session. The voice of the Youth Council is important in creating the WIB's priorities for the next year.

Motion made by Doug Hubbard with second by Becky Johnson to amend the July minutes, adding Dean Shawbold to the “Members Present.”

Motion carried.

Adjourn as Youth Council

Motion made by Dean Shawbold with second by Doug Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Motion carried.

Call to Order as HHH Job Corps Industry Council

Cate Smith-Edlund presented labor market information for Ramsey County.

Students gave presentations about the programs offered by the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center. Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. Some of the programs offered include advanced career training, finance and business, painting and wall papering, maintenance, health occupations, transportation, and culinary arts.

Fifty-five percent of students who go into the program complete their trades and seventy-seven percent of graduates are placed in jobs. Occupations such as culinary arts and healthcare occupations have completion rates above eighty percent. Before the recession, there were higher numbers for all programs. The most difficult students to place are manufacturing and construction students because there are no longer internships in that area.

Students go through the program at their own pace. When they are finished, on-site career placement specialists help them get jobs. The goal of the center is to place students in jobs directly after graduation.

Adjourn as HHH Job Corps Industry Council

Motion made by Dean Shawbold with a second by Doug Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Motion carried.