

Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board  
**Youth Council Meeting**

April 22, 2010

**Members Present**

Billy Collins  
Becky Johnson  
David MacKenzie  
Gwen Peterson  
Dean Shawbold

**Members Absent**

Doug Hubbard  
Sheldon Jensen  
Kathy Kittel EA  
Dale Maristuen  
Rick Polanski  
Jody Yungers

**Staff/Guests Present**

Mary Jo Gardner, WIB Staff  
Lee Helgen, WIB Members  
Kate Raleigh, WIB Staff  
Gerald Settles, Boys Totem Town  
Terry Zurn, Workforce Solutions

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**Call to Order**

David MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm. This meeting will adjourn at 4:00pm to convene as the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Industry Council.

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**Approve March Minutes**

**Motion** made by Dean Shawbold with second by Becky Johnson to approve the March minutes as presented.

**Motion carried.**

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**Youth Council Membership and Chair-Elect**

The Youth Council reviewed the WIB's Bylaws and Operating Rules regarding Youth Council membership, in addition to WIA regulations for Youth Council membership. Members reviewed the membership list in comparison with the representatives required by WIA and the Ramsey County approved Youth Council makeup. Vacant categories include former/current youth participant, law enforcement representative, parent of an eligible youth, public housing representative and a post-secondary education representative. Members made suggestions for filling vacancies; staff will follow-up with these suggestions.

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**Other**

Terry Zurn distributed copies of the Building Lives DVD to members.

Terry reminded the Council of the annual YouthLEAD Recognition Event scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 5:00-6:30pm at the Harriet Island Pavilion. There will be a guest speaker at the event- a Cretin-Derham Hall student who wrote a book about academic success.

Terry gave an update on summer youth funding- the \$600M bill has passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. In the Senate, the funding is tied in with the FEMA bill and it is unclear when the Senate will look at the bill.

Lee Helgen informed the group that the City of Saint Paul will be meeting to discuss their commitment to workforce, including work experience for youth. The Cookie Cart is looking to move in to Saint Paul; this would be an opportunity for youth to get work experience. There was a larger discussion on helping youth gain work experience, including utilizing the WIB's business partners to provide work experience for local youth.

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**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 upon completion of the agenda.

**Next Meeting:** May 27, 2010