

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

January 28, 2010

**Members Present**

Billy Collins  
Doug Hubbard  
Sheldon Jensen  
Peter Jessen-Howard  
David MacKenzie  
Dale Maristuen  
Dean Shawbold  
Jody Yungers

**Members Absent**

Becky Johnson EA  
Kathy Kittel  
Rick Polanski

**Staff/Guests Present**

Mary Dahlquist, WIB Member  
Mary Jo Gardner, WIB Staff  
Kate Raleigh, WIB Staff  
Terry Zurn, Workforce Solutions

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**Call to Order**

David MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm.

All attendees introduced themselves.

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**Approve Minutes**

**Motion** made by Dean Shawbold with second by Billy Collins to approve the December minutes as presented.

**Motion carried.**

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**Vern Vick Award**

The Youth Council discussed the Vern Vick Memorial Award. Members felt establishing a set date each year to give out the award would boost involvement and energy around the award. Prior to this date, the Youth Council can send information out to vendors and other community-based organizations seeking nominations. The award could then be presented at a regular meeting each year, possibly the September Youth Council meeting and the October WIB meeting.

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**Youth Council Work Plan**

Members reviewed the work plan draft and made suggestions that included adding a focus on communicating information to youth on career exploration.

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**Other**

Doug Hubbard discussed the need for a Chair-Elect on the Youth Council and for an appointed person to run meetings when the Chair is not present. The Chair-Elect of the Youth Council will become the Chair, and this person needs to be a WIB member.

**Motion** made by Doug Hubbard with second by Jody Yungers to elect a Youth Council Chair-Elect in the second year of the Chair's term and to have the Chair appoint a person to run Youth Council meetings in their absence.

**Motion carried.**

Dean Shawbold discussed a program he was trying to find funding for called Project SEARCH. The program provides employment training to transition students in their last year of school (21 years old) through total immersion in a career full-time for the year. Dean has contacted local employers who would take transition students for this program and is currently looking for funding ideas and a fiscal agent.

Pete Jessen-Howard attended a JDAI hearing at the Capitol previous to the Youth Council meeting. Pete commends Senator Mee Moua for her dedication to JDAI and the Building Lives program for juvenile offenders.

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**Adjourn**

**Motion** made by Jody Yungers with second by Dean Shawbold to adjourn the meeting at 4:58pm.

**Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting:** February 25, 2010