

Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board
Youth Council Meeting

July 22, 2010

Members Present

Billy Collins
Doug Hubbard
Kathy Kittel
Gwen Peterson
Jody Yungers

Members Absent

Sheldon Jensen
David MacKenzie EA
Dale Maristuen EA
Rick Polanski
Gerald Settles EA
Dean Shawbold EA

Staff/Guests Present

Lisa Bergstrom, Workforce Solutions
Dwayne Green, Workforce Solutions
Allan Ige, Workforce Solutions
Kate Raleigh, WIB Staff
Terry Zurn, Workforce Solutions

Call to Order

Doug Hubbard, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

Approve June Minutes

Motion made by Kathy Kittel with second by Gwen Peterson to approve the June minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

YouthLEAD Service Providers RFP

Terry Zurn discussed the upcoming RFP for YouthLEAD services. The last RFP for service providers was developed five years ago and it is time to issue a new RFP. The Youth Council has a large role in this process- discussions with the Council are the basis for the RFP developed by Workforce Solutions and Youth Council members review and approve the RFP before it is released to the public.

Terry reviewed the key elements of the last RFP process, including the focus to get more services out to the community by utilizing established community-based organizations as service providers. Members were given handouts outlining the RFP process, WIA eligibility criteria, WIA elements of youth programs, WIA performance measures, and demographics of the youth served in the program. Terry went through the handouts. The new program year begins April 1, 2011, and Workforce Solutions is planning on contracting for a three-year program with service providers.

Discussion on the upcoming RFP included:

- There is a need to address the overall social service needs of the population served, in addition to the education, youth and work development services.
- Where can the best impact be made on the small group that can be served with the resources (10% of eligible youth can be served)?
- Members hope that providers responding to the RFP can show how they are connected with other community partners and how they can leverage their existing relationships and resources to serve YouthLEAD participants.
- Youth need to be prepared for life and a career, not just job preparation.
- The importance of providing work experience for youth.
- The use of early intervention/prevention as a focus.
- Utilizing the Friends of the WIB to reach out to local funders to have a greater impact with the YouthLEAD population.

Members requested an update on how the current vendors are performing.

Terry requested volunteers to review the RFP prior to final submission to the Youth Council- Doug Hubbard, Kathy Kittel and Jody Yungers volunteered to work with Terry on this.

Other

Jody Yungers recommends sharing the WIB's Labor Market Information with the Youth Council.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned upon completion of the agenda at 5:05pm.

Next Meeting: August 26, 2010