

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

March 25, 2010

**Members Present**

Billy Collins  
Becky Johnson  
Gwen Peterson  
Dean Shawbold  
Jody Yungers

**Members Absent**

Doug Hubbard EA  
Sheldon Jensen  
Kathy Kittel  
David MacKenzie EA  
Dale Maristuen EA  
Rick Polanski

**Staff/Guests Present**

Patricia Brady, Workforce Solutions  
Jasmine Crawford Workforce Solutions  
Mary Jo Gardner, WIB Staff  
Dwayne Green, Workforce Solutions  
Adam LaFrenier, Workforce Solutions  
Lee Helgen, WIB Members  
Jerrel Perry, Workforce Solutions  
Kate Raleigh, WIB Staff  
Gerald Settles, Boys Totem Town  
Jan West, HIRED  
Terry Zurn, Workforce Solutions

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**Call to Order**

Billy Collins called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

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**Approve February Minutes**

**Motion** made by Becky Johnson with second by Gwen Peterson to approve the February minutes as presented.  
**Motion carried.**

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**Approve Youth Council Applicant**

**Motion** made by Jody Yungers with second by Becky Johnson to approve Gerald Settles' application to the Youth Council.  
**Motion carried.**

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**School Career Counseling**

Terry Zurn reminded the committee of a survey that was conducted with secondary schools in Ramsey County a few years ago to identify career-planning resources available to students. Terry redistributed the results of this survey.

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**Outreach to Schools**

Dwayne Green and Terry Zurn discussed the Outreach to Schools program, which places college interns in Saint Paul high schools to help with college and career planning. The program is in its third year, having a presence at three high schools this year with three interns, an increase from the two interns utilized last year. The program costs \$10k a year and has a goal of connecting with 300-400 students at the three high schools. Interns Adam LaFrenier, Jasmine Crawford and Jarrell Perry discussed their experiences with GAP, Johnson and Como Park, respectively. They provide a variety of career and education planning at each of their schools, including helping with financial aid, GEDs, classroom presentations, connecting with jobs, internships and scholarships, resumes, job applications, mock interviews, college applications, and completion of Saint Paul Public Schools' six-year plan, a graduation requirement. The interns deliver their services in a variety of settings, such as in the classroom, the resource center, small groups and one-on-one.

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**Building Lives Video**

Workforce Solutions worked with Soultouch Productions to create a video to market the Building Lives program. Workforce Solutions was able to use WIA incentive dollars and some participants received work experience by

helping produce the video. The Youth Council watched the DVD and agreed that it will be a good marketing tool to use when seeking funding for the program. The DVD is about nine minutes long and Youth Council and WIB members will receive copies to use when advocating for Building Lives.

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**Other**

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Summer Youth Bill, which gives \$600M to summer youth employment programs. The bill is going to the Senate.

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**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 upon completion of the agenda.

**Next Meeting:** April 22, 2010