

Youth Council Meeting
April 19, 2012
1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Geigle (Oshkosh School District), Tania Kilpatrick (CESA 6), Jill Valdez (FVWDB), Jim Richmond (Waupaca Schools), Jeni Erb (Waupaca High), Kim Esselman (Appleton Housing Authority), Joan Koch (Juvenile Parole), Patti Milka (Fox Cities Chamber), Melissa Kohn (FVTC), Kim Lemieux (FVWDB), Lisa Schneider (Housing Partnership of Fox Cities)

Others Present: Jen Meyer (FVWDB), Al Hesse (FVWDB)

Members Absent: Cecil Streeter (Oshkosh Chamber), Lori Fields (Oshkosh Boys and Girls Club)

Call to Order: Dr. Geigle called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Introductions and Welcome New Members: Dr. Geigle welcomed the returning youth council members and thanked the new members for joining the group.

Approval of Minutes from June 2, 2011: *Mr. Richmond made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2011. Ms. Milka second. Ms. Kohn asked if all decisions from the meeting were in place currently and if listed subcontractors were under contract. Ms. Lemieux noted this was correct. There was no further discussion and the minutes of June 2, 2011 were approved.*

FVWDB Background Information: Mr. Hesse gave a brief update on the role of the FVWDB; the main mission of the organization is to create taxpayers. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth program is one of the programs the FVWDB administers, and the Youth Council's role is to help with that direction. For the youth program, the population is generally disadvantaged youth with various barriers.

FVWDB Administrative Update: Mr. Hesse noted he is the interim CEO of FVWDB; he gave updates on the recent decision of Outagamie County to leave the seven county service area of the FVWDB and merge with the Bay Area due to draft results from a Department of Labor monitoring report. FVWDB's end goal is to have the least amount of disruption for clients during the transition time. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

Youth Council Role: A handout was distributed on the responsibilities of youth council membership. Dr. Geigle listed the standing committees of the FVWDB, of which the Youth Council is one. The others committees are the Executive Committee, the One Stop Committee, Economic Development, and the Fox Valley Healthcare Alliance. Ms. Lemieux also passed out the WIA Youth services program brochure which lists all current subcontractor information as well as the list of how youth can qualify. Youth age limits for WIA are ages 14-21. Mr. Geigle commented there are requirements from DWD on the make-up of the Youth Council and everything is currently met except for the parent/student requirement. If anyone has a suggestion for a parent/student who may be able to attend quarterly meetings, please contact Ms. Lemieux.

Current WIA Youth Program Providers: Mr. Hesse explained performance measures for the youth program. For Program Year 2010, for Attainment of degree or certificate, 68% are meeting, (62-78% was goal), and so FVWDB met performance. The second measure is literacy/numeracy gain (for youth identified as having a deficiency, and they are NOT in school), 36.6% were passing (goal was 24-30%, so we exceeded). Last measure is placement in employment or in education (job or post secondary, goal was 57% for a pass. FVWDB had 44.7% and was a fail. However, a couple of the individuals in our

report were not actually from our area, and there were a couple of clerical errors. However, the rectifying of the situation couldn't happen in the timeline needed by DWD, so technically FVWDB failed the measure but with the changes made, it was met.

For second quarter of PY 2011, the performance is as follows:

Attainment of degree or certificate: 61.1% which is currently a fail, but there were a couple of clerical errors that have since been rectified.

Literacy numeracy: exceed

Placement in employment: 88.9% so a significant turn-around from last program year.

The population is very small; numbers range from about 11-18 for various measures. For each measure, they are looking at a snapshot of time. Ms. Lemieux monitors the subcontractors for performance and assists whenever necessary.

Ms. Lemieux noted the current providers and how many youth they generally serve per year:

- CESA 5: 40 youth total for both programs.
- ADVOCAP: 12 for out of school youth program only, ages 18-21.
- Workforce Economics: 90 for each program or 180 total.

K-12 Activities Update

- a) **Reality Store:** An update was provided on the financial simulation program for high schools done by FVWDB staff. The remaining schedule was distributed and if anyone can volunteer or stop by, please let Ms. Lemieux know.
- b) **Career Fairs:** A career fair was done for 850 8th graders in the Oshkosh area in March 2012; hands-on activities covering various career areas were provided. Additionally, 3200 students in the Fox Cities area attended a trade-show type style career fair at Players Choice in early April.
- c) **FOCUS:** Began as a pilot project last year; it stands for Fostering our communities' understanding of STEM and accepts youth from 5th to 9th grades. In the Fox Cities, there are currently over 220 youth involved with 50% female representation. Goal: to engage kids and get their focus on careers besides engineering. In 2011-2012, the project also began in Oshkosh. Time Warner Cable sponsors the transportation costs, and the projects are provided for virtually no cost to youth.
 - a. STEM Fest was the kick-off event for STEM activities in 2011, which was a one day event at the Building for Kids in Appleton. In 2012, the date is October 13th.
- d) **Other:**
 - a. First Robotics competition/Oshkosh WAVE Robotics was sponsored by the FVWDB. The team won the state competition and is competing in St. Louis soon.
 - b. Fox Valley Healthcare Alliance: a subcommittee of the FVWDB, its mission is to ensure a high quality healthcare workforce. One of the subcommittees of the alliance is an Education Outreach Committee (EOC) and one of their projects is offering three hour, hands on career experience events focusing on three healthcare careers. For more information, contact Ms. Meyer or view the website at www.fvhca.org.
 - c. There is also a manufacturing alliance, the website is www.newmfgalliance.org

Next Meeting dates: Ms. Meyer will find next meeting dates with Dr. Geigle and send out a poll for meetings in September and December. The meetings will take place a few weeks prior to the quarterly FVWDB Board meetings.

Other Business: Dr. Geigle thanked everyone for attending and offered if anyone has suggestions or topics for future meetings or projects based on needs in their respective communities, to let him or Ms. Lemieux know.

Adjourn: *Ms. Kilpatrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kohn second. There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Meyer

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