



Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

YOUTH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 1, 2010 – 8:35 AM – 9:45 AM

Next Generation Zone
901 E Second, Suite #100
Anne Lockwood – Note Taker
Dawn Karber - Editors

Members in Attendance:

Andrew Arganbright–
Kemper Auto, A Unitrin
Business

Joanne Benham-City of
Spokane Youth
Services

Bridget Cannon-
Volunteers of America

Scott Oakshott-
Spokane Skills Center

Tim O'Halloran-NEW
ESD101

Lisa White-Spokane
Public Schools

John Serben-Serben
Consulting

David Biles-YouthBuild
(Youth)

Members Absent:

Jeff Benesch-Trans-
System, Inc.

Linda Duncan-Sterling
Savings Bank

Laura Foust-Job Corps

Trina Miller-Community
Colleges of Spokane

Nancy Nelson-Humanix
Staffing Services

Bonnie Wagner-WSU
Health Education
Center

Others Present:

Cami Hanson-Career Path
Services

Roy Lancaster-
Goodwill Industries of
the Inland Northwest

Heidi Peterson-Next
Generation Zone

Staff Present:

Mark Mattke - Workforce
Strategy & Planning Director

Dawn Karber – Assistant Director-
Workforce Operations

Anne Lockwood – Secretary

VOTE ON APRIL 6, 2010 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion and a second to approve the April 6, 2010, meeting minutes. Approved. None Opposed.

REPORT ON NEXT GEN ZONE GRAND OPENING:

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Originally, the Next Generation Zone occupied space on the second floor of the WorkSource Center. That location came with many inherent issues including lack of space, difficult to

locate the Next Generation Zone in the WorkSource Center, and the site was not youth friendly as a youth one-stop.

The Next Generation Zone relocated to a new facility and had a Grand Opening. It was a fantastic event. Senator Murray's Staff Director, Scott Cheney, attended, and was excited about the direction the Next Generation Zone was heading.

Guest speakers included:

- Mayor Mary Verner, City of Spokane
- Commissioner Mark Richard, Board of Spokane County Commissioners
- Representative Timm Ormsby, Washington State Representative, 3rd District.

Activities included:

- Ribbon cutting
- Youth talent show
- Résumé' contest
- Mentor and mentee program sign up
- Summer Youth Employment Program video
- Washington Business Week video.

Thank you to Sterling Savings and the Inland Northwest Society for Human Resource Management (INSHRM) for supporting of this event.

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Currently, the Youth Council has four required WDC members. This will change at the end of program year, as Jeff Benesch has decided not to renew his term. John Serben will continue on the Youth Council for one more year.

Lynn Jonckers, Kitara McClure and Martin Kolodrub's applications are included in the June 1, 2010 packet. Look over the applications and an electronic vote to accept them as Youth Council Members, will take place later.

Bonnie Wagner and Scott Oakshott's terms are expiring. Scott has turned in his application already and will be part of the electronic vote.

DECREASED FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR WIA YOUTH PROGRAMMING IN SPOKANE:

The original idea for PY10 youth funding was it would be equal to last year's funding of \$1 million, but this year the allocation is \$948,000. The Youth Council will need to be more strategic and creative with PY10's funding.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

The Spokane Area Workforce Development Council released the Operators' Consortium Request for Proposals (RFP) on March 16, 2010. All responses were due on Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

YOUTH COUNCIL PROPOSAL REVIEW:

The Youth Council reviewed the youth-related portion of the RFP response and made funding recommendations to the SAWDC.

ESTABLISHING COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH CONSORTIUM IN PY10:

The Youth Council RFP Committee noticed that the youth RFP response did address some items listed in the RFP, but left some areas blank. It was determined that the Youth Council would form a subcommittee to help guide the Next Generation Zone towards:

- Relationships with employers
- Strategy
- Operations
- WIA program and measures
- Persuading other partners to join the Next Generation Zone
- Making sure kids are employable

John Serben, who is leading the subcommittee, is looking for other Youth Council members to join. Contact [John Serben](#) for further information.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION ZONE:

Forwarded to the August Youth Council Meeting.

TACOMA YOUTH ONE-STOP TOUR:

Dawn Karber, Michelle Harris, Bridget Cannon, and Heidi Peterson are visiting the Youth One-Stop Center in Tacoma on June 21, 2010. The Youth One-Stop Center in Tacoma is owned by Goodwill. Tacoma spent 3 years raising capital and planning their Youth One-Stop Center, and finally opened six months ago.

Goodwill's model is geared towards rent going to the director of the center, and is not focused on WIA for funds. Youth Council Members have questions for the Tacoma Youth One-Stop Center:

- Partnerships with schools
- Interaction with Youth Council members
- Operational questions
- Number of partners in the center
- How do they interface with the city and county?
- Finding revenue sources

Dawn will report to the Youth Council at their August meeting.

COLLEGE SUCCESS FOUNDATION PRESENTATION/CHILDREN'S INVESTMENT FUND:

The College Success Foundation started about 10 years ago when Bob Craves, who created COSTCO, noticed that Washington ranked in the bottom 10 for youth continuing on to college.

The foundation provides about 500 scholarships per year. The only requirement is to have a 2.0 grade average and signed up for subsidized lunch.

There is an effort happening to get the Children's Investment Fund on the ballot. This would raise five million a year for programs that would support kids and families, i.e. early learning, child abuse, etc. The funding would go through the City of Spokane. An advisory board would make the funding decisions. Funding would be in three-year increments and partnership with school districts to measure attendance, grades, and behavior. Five percent of the five million would go towards administrative costs.

OTHER QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- The Next Generation Zone has a Youth Advisory Council that helps the Next Generation Zone to keep their ideas youthful and provide the Next Generation Zone with feedback. Heidi Peterson will ask youth from the Youth Advisory Council to attend the SAWDC Youth Council. If some of the youth on the Youth Advisory Council do not want to attend the SAWDC Youth Council, they might want to be a sounding board on youth issues.
- There is a YES Network meeting on June 9, 2010 at 1:00 pm, located at United Way. A Youth Council Member who attended the YES Network Meeting could report to the SAWDC Youth Council at the August meeting.