



Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

YOUTH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 5, 2010 – 8:34 AM – 10:04 AM

Next Generation Zone

901 E Second, Suite #100

Anne Lockwood – Note Taker

Dawn Karber - Editors

Members in Attendance:

Bridget Cannon-Volunteers of America	Martin Kolodrub- Spokane County Juvenile Court	Nancy Nelson-Humanix Staffing Services	John Serben-Serben Consulting
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Members Absent:

Andrew Arganbright– Kemper Auto, A Unitrin Business	Joanne Benham-City of Spokane Youth Services	David Biles-YouthBuild (Youth)	Linda Duncan-Sterling Savings Bank
Laura Foust-Job Corps	Lynn Jonckers-Parent of Eligible Youth	Kitara McClure- Parent of Eligible Youth	Trina Miller-Community Colleges of Spokane
Scott Oakshott-Spokane Skills Center	Tim O’Halloran-NEW ESD101	Lisa White-Spokane Public Schools	Bonnie Wagner-WSU Health Education Center

Others Present:

Machelle Johnson-SAWDC	Heidi Peterson-Next Generation Zone	Bob Everett-WorkSource	Cami Hanson-Career Path Services
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Katie Hanson –AmeriCorps

Staff Present:

Dawn Karber – Assistant Director-Workforce
Operations

Anne Lockwood – Secretary

VOTE ON JUNE 1, 2010 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion and a second to approve the June 1, 2010, meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP VOTE:

Kevin would replace Kevin Managhan in the Labor position.

Motion and a second to accept Kevin Quinn as a Youth Council Member. Approved unanimously.

NEXT GENERATION ZONE 5-YEAR VISION:

The vision for the Next Generation Zone was narrowed down and there was an open discussion on the following topics:

- Funding and attempting to narrow the gap, so youth who are not currently eligible for a program could still be provided services. Needed for the discussion:
 - Current WIA allocation
 - How many staff involved
 - Hours it takes
 - Budget it takes
 - Identify the outreach to schools and the purpose for the outreach
- A universal survey – Each agency in the Next Generation Zone has developed their own survey to gather the information needed for the funding each agency receives. The Next Generation Zone needs a universal survey that covers all the partners' requirements and meets the Next Generation Zone needs. Heidi will work on the survey, on a continuing basis and will provide the Youth Council with the survey results.
 - Possible question on the survey:
 - Are they in college?
 - Are they on track?
 - Are they keeping up their grades?
- Follow up – The youth feel the classes at the Next Generation Zone are working well, but the youth have requested further guidance on connecting the information received with furthering themselves towards their chosen path.
- 501(c)(3) – Do we want to become a 501(c)(3)? The strategy for becoming a 501(c)(3) might be to gather funds to assist youth that are not covered under the silo funds. A subcommittee might be formed to pursue and understand the options of becoming a non-profit.

CREATING A VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM:

Some youth opportunities discussed were:

- Internship opportunity grant
- Volunteers of American housing assistance offered through a two-year grant
- Resources in the community - Can we offer them a space at the Next Generation Zone on rotation?
- Youth Build
- AmeriCorps
- Possible website locations for volunteer opportunities:
 - Volunteerjobs.com
 - spokanecares.org

NEXT GENERATION ZONE UPDATE:

GED services, run by the colleges, are provided at the Next Generation Zone and are a huge benefit for staff and youth. The SAWDC is paying rent for these GED services. How can the SAWDC continue to provide the funds required to continue the GED services? Is there an opportunity for a grant to provide rent?

YOUTH COUNCIL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (YCOC) UPDATE:

The Youth Council Oversight Committee was created because of questions that arose from the RFP response last year. The YCOC is assisting and guiding the Spokane Workforce Consortium towards resolving the questions. The Spokane Workforce Consortium and the YCOC are making progress.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT PROGRAM:

- The SAWDC office is in the process of hiring a Program Professional, who will become the staff for the Youth Council.
- The Community Indicators project has put education on the top of the priority list. This priority will include middle school dropout rates, a dropout early warning system, high academic achievements, and making five-year commitments to youth.

PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

A couple of partners completed their applications to move into the Next Generation Zone. The partners' home offices would not allow the agencies to move in at this time. Heidi and Dawn will continue to work on these partnerships and will report at the next meeting.

MICROSOFT GRANT APPLICATION:

The Microsoft grant application will be submitted tomorrow. The funds would go towards a three-tier model, where the person is able to choose their "adventure." Agencies that use this framework will be able to guide people to computer literacy and direct people on their chosen career path.

OTHER QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

1. Katie Hanson – Is new to the Next Generation Zone and is working a dual role. Katie is the AmeriCorps representative and the Transition Coordinator for the NEWESD101 YouthBuild.
2. There will be training this Friday for school counselors on the www.washboard.org website, where you can learn about and apply for college scholarships.
3. The Youth Council has made a change to their meeting dates. While working on strategic planning, the Youth Council will meet monthly instead of bi-monthly. The meeting day, which is the first Tuesday of the month, will remain the same.