

**NEMO Workforce Investment Board
YOUTH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2010**

PRESENT:

Youth Council Members:

Debbie Akright, Division of Youth Services
Debbie Atkinson, Dynamic Educational Systems, Inc.
Mark Chambers, Moberly Area Community College
Alonna Murphy, 10th Circuit Juvenile Office

Guests:

JoAnn Toerper, Boonslick RPC
Sheree Prebe, Gamm Inc.

NEMO Workforce Investment Board Staff:

Brandi Glover
Sharon Hillard

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Debbie Akright called the August 20, 2010, Northeast Missouri Workforce Investment Board (NEMO WIB) Youth Council (YC) meeting to order at approximately 9:45 a.m. at the Missouri Career Center-Moberly in Moberly, Missouri.

ROLL CALL AND SIGNATURE SHEET

Brandi said the Youth Council representative for Job Corps, Jimmy Gear, had transferred to Kansas City and was being replaced by Debbie Atkinson who was a former member of the Council. Debbie Akright made a motion to accept Debbie Atkinson as a Youth Council member representing Job Corps. Alonna Murphy seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mark Chambers, NEMO WIB Youth Council Secretary/Treasurer, took roll call. Four Youth Council members were present and a quorum was established. The signature sheet was signed by all individuals.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Debbie Akright made a motion to approve the agenda. Mark Chambers seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

Debbie Akright made a motion to approve the June 4, 2010 meeting minutes. Debbie Atkinson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

YOUTH SERVICE PROVIDERS UPDATES/REPORTS

- **Gamm Inc**

A service provider report was provided for Gamm, Inc. Sheree Prebe said Gamm got a late start on their TANF Summer Youth program. She said by the time they received word that the program would be funded, many of the youth had already found summer employment. Sheree said the State Parks Youth Corps (SPYC) program was going well. It was highly promoted by the Governor and she had promoted both the SPYC and TANF Summer Youth programs on WGEM as well. The Governor has visited 61 out of 81 state parks to view the success of the program. Brandi added that Governor Nixon had been very good about taking time to talk to the youth and posing for photos with them etc. Sheree said Gamm is having an issue at getting a couple of the parks to take some of the kids assigned to them due to the lack of staff to properly supervise them. Sheree said currently Gamm is working with carryovers, the SPYC and TANF youth and GED. Next they will start concentrating on the other youth and begin meeting with the counselors at the high schools.

- **Boonslick RPC**

JoAnn Toerper said Boonslick was at 85% through the end of June 30 for in-school and out-of-school youth. She said they received additional funds for the SPYC and TANF Summer Youth program. She said the SPYC program was going very well. One of the highlights was August 13th when she and her staff visited Cuivre River where Governor Nixon gave a presentation to the youth. She said it was an amazing experience for the kids. The Governor was very gracious; he shook everyone's hand and the kids got to share all the projects they had been working on. JoAnn said the youth provided a demonstration of how they are clearing the trails. The work

they are doing isn't easy and they get very hot and dirty. She said they were trying to clean up by wiping their hands onto their pants before they shook the Governor's hand. JoAnn provided and reviewed a report for the Youth Council that showed Boonslick's number of enrollments in the youth programs as follows: SPYC-20, TANF-25, WIA-109, total youth being served-135. The report also contained information regarding Governor Nixon's visit, Montgomery County outreach and dropout rates.

WIA YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE

Brandi provided and reviewed the MO Performs report. She reported a discrepancy on one item on the report which hadn't changed in almost a year. Brandi said it had been reported; however, they were unable to determine the problem. She was fairly certain the rest of the report was accurate.

STRATEGIC PLAN; COMMITTEES

Brandi gave an update on the Strategic Plan. She said she had updated and changed the format to make it more reflective of the WIB's Strategic Plan and so it could be reviewed each meeting as a working document. Brandi said once the Youth Council has the plan the way they want it, it will go to the WIB for approval. Then the Youth Council can revisit the plan each meeting and work to accomplish some of the goals they have set.

Goal #1 Expanding Funding Sources: Brandi said the Youth Council worked through Goal # 1 at a previous meeting. She said she has submitted some grants as possible funding sources and is currently working on a grant through the Wal-Mart foundation. The grant isn't specifically for youth; however, she is planning to submit something to the foundation for youth in the future. She talked about the possibility of submitting a grant for an event similar to the My Success Event that the Northwest WIB region helps to sponsor. Mark said if the Youth Council were to sponsor such an event, they should probably plan it north of highway 36 so he could possibly help to fund it. He said his funding ends June 30, 2011. Brandi said she has also submitted a Fatherhood Initiative grant that will benefit single fathers and their families through the National Fatherhood Initiative, Supported by the US Department of Health and Human Services. The grant provides job skills training, support for children, education, transportation, childcare, etc. Brandi said she had done some research regarding the website mentioned in Goal #1 and although the Youth Council may find ways to develop a website, she had been unable to find any funding to maintain a website.

Goal #2 Marketing: Sheree suggested that the Youth Council take more advantage of free marketing opportunities in local newspapers, TV and radio stations when and wherever possible to promote the programs. Brandi suggested finding students that might be willing to help create some marketing materials. Debbie Atkinson talked about using Noodle a new search engine.

Sheree talked about the Next Generation Career Center model and process. Brandi explained that Sheree and JoAnn are now Career Center Functional Leaders. Sheree said she may have to give the responsibility of attending the Youth Council meetings to another staff person. She currently isn't working directly with the youth, and due to her new responsibilities she doesn't have time to attend the meetings.

Mark asked if the Marketing Committee had met. He said an instructor said he would serve on the committee. Brandi suggested that the committee meet to review the objectives and work to set some goals. She said it may be helpful if the Youth Council could increase their membership but she wasn't sure about the WIB feelings about increasing the membership.

Goal #3 Education: Mark spoke about soft skills and said the Technical schools were addressing the issue. Sheree said the Missouri Career Centers are addressing the issue through the NGCC initiative as well. Brandi said soft skills were also included in the Wal-Mart grant submitted today.

Goal #4 Youth Council Expansion: Increasing Youth Council membership was discussed again. Brandi asked anyone who knew of someone who may be a good fit and was interested in being a member to please contact her.

Possible agenda items for the next meeting were to try to increase the Youth Council membership and then try to get the committees going. Mark asked if we can have committee members that are not members of the YC. Brandi said that was acceptable. Debbie said the committees could also meet by conference call. She said Shileen High, from Job Corps, would be a good fit for the Marketing Committee.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE/LOCATION

The next Youth Council meeting was discussed for October. A doodle calendar will be sent out to set meeting dates and times for the rest of the calendar year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 p.m.

Submitted By:

Mark Chambers