

Emerging Workforce Taskforce
Thursday, January 4th, 1:00 pm

Present: Andy Toft, Jinny Rietmann, Dan Belshan, Dawn Lubahn, Jeff Custer, Jim Root, Kris Pierce, Melissa Brandt, Nicole Olson, Tami Walker, Wayne Stenberg, Julie Brock, Brian Cashman, Anisha Zak

- Meeting was called to order and a quorum was present.
- Introductions were completed. The committee welcomed a new board member, Brian Cashman, a new committee member, Dawn Lubahn, and a new staff member/intern with the youth program, Jen Keller.
- The agenda for January and the November meeting minutes were approved, and Wayne Stenberg was identified as reporting chair.

Coordinator report – Jinny Rietmann shared the Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) annual report (attached). This report highlights each program in the state that receives MYP funding, along with their deliverables, success stories, and best practices. The report also outlines outcomes from each of the areas. Southeast Minnesota served 276 youth, and the state served 3,198 overall. The return on investment for this program state-wide was \$4.76.

Jinny also shared a video highlighting the Youthprise Tri-City initiative, which is a Career Pathways program serving youth and young adults in Red Wing, Faribault, and Northfield. The link to the video is here: <https://vimeo.com/239575060>.

Anisha Zak was a guest speaker, presenting on the Steele County Collaborative/Outreach to Schools program. This program is a partnership with the Steele County high schools, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce, Workforce Development, Inc., and United Way, to support a full-time Career Planner for youth at the high school level. Anisha shared successes and challenges of the program, along with the connections she's been able to make with employers.

The committee then continued a discussion on goals for the upcoming two years. The group brainstormed main areas of focus shared feedback on the committee, deliverables, and potential focus areas. Jinny created a draft of the goals for 2018-2019 (attached).

Committee members: Please review draft and email Jinny with any suggestions you may have: JinnyRietmann@workforcedevelopmentinc.org.

Next meeting – April 5, 2018, 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jinny Rietmann, Youth Programs Coordinator