

Emerging Workforce (Youth) Taskforce
Workforce Development, Inc.
Rochester, Minnesota
Thursday June 7th, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Present: Tami Walker, Betsy Andrews, David LeGarde, Jinny Rietmann, Carl Knutson, Lacie Wenthold, Diane Simon, John Devlin, Melissa Brandt, Jerrianna Hansen

Minutes from previous meeting and agenda were approved.

- Coordinator report was distributed and discussed.

WIOA grant has been increased from \$419,000 to \$443,000. The MYP and Youth Build grants are the same as last year.

New grants were reviewed. HTHP grant, TANF Youth Innovations Program and the Support Services grant.

-Goals for this year and next year were discussed

Experiential Learning Model was explained.

Creation of a "Career Day" calendar of schools and organizations.

-An Out of School Youth Model was discussed

Best practices.

Involvement of youth and parents on committee

-Melissa talked about the Rochester Youth Committee and there was discussion on how it relates to this group.

Both need employer involvement and this is an opportunity for the two groups to merge. They both have many of the same goals.

John Devlin talked about how the Returning Citizens committee broke into sub-groups and how overlapping of services needs to be avoided.

Jinny suggested a meet-and-greet with both committees, perhaps centered around the next WDI Board meeting.

A goal of being a connecting agent between youth and employers was discussed. What is keeping employers from hiring youth with barriers.

Jerrianna asked about how WDI connects to employers

-Jinny asked about the agenda for the August meeting and how sub-groups could be formed there.

-Discussion was held on how do we best connect employers to events and programs.

John suggested a survey about what they (the employers) are interested in.

Jinny mentioned that Randy Johnson wants us to survey youth about their education and why they chose a two or four-year program. Also inquiring why youth are not in the work force.

-The next meeting will be Thursday, August 2nd.