



Youth Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Meeting Attendees:

Sheena Scales

Renae Muscatill

Jan Byard

Shelly Reilly

Seamus Higgins

Victoria Coffey

Dan Love

Gene Smith

Martin Chartragnnd

Kitty Barbee

Merle Davis

1) Welcome

The group went around the table and introduced themselves and discussed what group they represent. Kitty introduced her new title as Pathways project manager and gave an introduction to Gene Smith who is now the new WIA program manager.

2) Meeting Minutes

Vote to approve previous meeting minutes from January 14, 2010. Approved.

3) Youth Council Membership

Kitty discussed the current members for the Youth Council. Currently Tom Heart is the Youth Council Chair and has held that position for the past two years. The YC needs to look at having a vice chair. This person needs to be someone who can step up in the

event that Tom would not be available. Please send Kitty or Gene a volunteer proposal or letter of interest for position of Youth Council vice chair.

The following are groups that are represented with the Youth Council:

EMDC
Healthcare
Shaw House/Homeless
Brewer Housing Authority
Job Corps
JMG
Department of Labor
Penquis
3 Tech Schools
Youth WIA Services
Community Organizations

The following are groups/organizations that YC would like to have outreach and representation:

Public Schools
Bangor Area Literacy Program
Scouts
YMCA
Guidance Counselors – Ellsworth High School
United Way
Eastern Maine
Summer Youth (church organizations)

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) *It was asked that everyone try to reach out to one of the above listed outreach groups and make contact, ask them to come to the next meeting and see what we are about. Looking for people who want to be engaged in the community and help the youth.*
- 2) *Appoint Youth Council Vice Chair*

4) Job Description

POSITION TITLE: Youth Council Member

Unit/Organization: Local Area 2 Workforce Investment Board Penobscot, Piscataquis and Hancock Counties

Purpose: To promote youth opportunities through available service provider(s) and educational opportunities, creating an involved, active and contributing future workforce.

Essential Functions/Expectations:

- Serves as a voting member
- Assists with developing the youth segment of the local area strategic plan to promote youth opportunities that align with local business needs.
- Creating overall awareness of workplace skills, occupations in demand and training programs to meet both local employer and worker needs.
- Provides input and fosters involvement among youth serving organizations in the local area.
- Provides overall policy guidance and oversight on the use of funds and on the approach to delivery of services.
- Reviews proposals, recommends service provider partners, oversees and evaluates program and youth service provider operations and performance.
- Youth council member is expected to attend all meetings or notify the LWIB Director and if not able to attend will send an alternate representative in their place. If a member has two (2) excused absences, the youth council will discuss the membership.
- Educate community.

Qualifications:

- Representative of local community or organization invested in supporting and creating youth opportunities.
- Willingness to participate actively, including regular attendance at youth council meetings.

Motion by Rene Muscatell; Seconded by Seamus Higgins, vote to approve and accept Youth Council Job Description as written. Approved.

5) Updates

Survivor Camp – July 19 – 23rd, 60 Students from the community attending this camp will be staying at EMCC and this camp is to get them exposed to healthcare. (dentist, nurses, lab, physicians, etc.) **\$25,000 grant from Kohl's Department store was awarded.**

Youth Services – Seamus Higgins went over the youth services program. This program generally seeks anyone looking to find employment. We help match up their skills with current jobs in their area. If they need training we connect them with a provider who will help train them as well as fund their training. Enrolled under WIA we currently have 75 – 100 in the age group of 17-21.

Summer Youth Employment for 2010 – Looking for partner agencies in the area to provide summer working experience for youth. EMDC hires a qualified young youth ages 16-21. They need to meet income guidelines and they have to have a barrier to employment such as: disability, criminal record, foster child, bad work history, parent or pregnant, etc. They are hired and paid by EMDC who works by a third party employer. This program pays minimum wage for up to 30 hours a week. Applications for 2010 can come in and apply at anytime.

Pathways – \$2.1 million dollar grant to put 150 people through a green construction skills training program. They can go in three different pathways, building construction, electrical or plumbing and pipefitting. They can receive 7 credits that are transferrable to EMCC for an associate degree. There will be placement services and OJT. While they are doing their skills training they will be building homes that will be deployed back out into Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties. The homes will be replacement housing for 1976 or prior mobile homes. (Currently more than 2000 in the area)

The first program is set to start next week beginning with basic refresher math skills. On June 14th they will begin their skills training. There will be 7 total homes being built, 7 groups of participants/trainees. We hope for this program to continue past the grant project itself and lead to a continued service.

Publications were handed out at the Youth Council meeting. If anyone knows someone who might be interested it is asked that they refer them to the Career Advisors at the Career Center.

Meeting minutes submitted by Sheena Scales, EMDC