



**Youth Council Meeting**  
**Eastern Maine Development Corporation**  
**40 Harlow St. Bangor, ME 04401**  
**United Technologies Center**  
*February, 8, 2010*

**PRESENT:**

Tom Hart, Jobs for Maine Graduates  
Shelly Reilly, EMDC  
Dan Love, Penobscot Job Corps  
Carol Whitney, Shaw House  
Renaë Muscatell, Penquis  
Dwight Littlefield, Cianbro  
Kitty Barbee, EMDC  
Seamus Higgins, EMDC  
Shawn Lagasse, MDOE-CTE  
Jan Byard, Eastern Maine Medical Center  
Nancy McKechnie, EMDC  
Jake Porter, United Way Intern

**I. Call to Order**

The Tri County Workforce Investment Board Youth Council met on Monday, February 8, 2010 at United Technology Center. Kitty Barbee called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

**II. Introduction of members**

**Newest Member:** Seamus Higgins  
**Guest:** Jake Porter

Introductions were made around the table.

Jake Porter – United Way Research Project is called Youth Planning Summit.

Assets getting to development program for building blocks for a youth to become an adult.

1. Bringing together service providers, community leaders and youths.
2. Creating a network

Tentative All Day Event at University of Maine on 4/24/10.

### **III. Vote on Minutes from Last Meeting**

Shelly had motion to approve and Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Unanimous vote of yes, in favor

### **IV. Survivor Camp Update – Jan Byard**

This is a program for all students interested in healthcare. Students interested may need to write an essay about why they want to be in healthcare. This program will teach how to apply dressings and sutures, etc. Husson University will be providing a skills lab to show how to give injections. The Cost is \$125 p/week and grant money is available. The program is still evolving and they're hoping this will turn into a yearly event.

### **V. Update on EMDC integration effort – Kitty Barbee**

EMDC is an in house provider of direct services. Cross training internally for an overall, better understanding of integration efforts. Combining, economic and workforce development. 10 objectives of WIA: suggested the insert for reauthorizing the WFI act – this is a must read

### **VI. Update on Youth Services at Career Center – Seamus Higgins**

Seamus explained that the youth services partners with corporations that are willing to take on mentoring a youth (ages 16-24 years) in need. He also informed us that youths need to be WIA eligible and will need to fill out an application to determine eligibility and youths are placed in corporations where there haven't been layoffs. Transportation for youths has been a barrier. They are also hoping to capture larger community projects.

- **Action Item:**
  - He will send each of us and e-mail providing the geographic area that he has established.

### **VII. Mission Statement – final approval Discussion of Job Description of Youth Council**

**Mission Statement:**

To connect youths in the Tri County with educational, employment and service opportunities in an effort to strengthen work readiness skills, promote high growth occupations, and advance a strong capable future workforce.

**Discussion of Job Description of Youth Council:**

Numerous concerns on the wording of bullet 6 and determined this will need to be further reviewed and amended.

- **Action Item:**
  - Kitty will further review and make changes to the Job Description.

**VIII. Our goals and where do we go from here? – Tom Hart  
Asset Mapping**

LWIB and external auditing Asset Mapping should have become more tangible. There are many employers with sponsored programs. Are we aware of all of these employers and their programs out there? What does rotary have? When you have a piece of asset mapping, communicate that and then it becomes part of an addendum.

Shawn Lagasse stated - Have members understand what each individual can bring to the table and the services available.

Carol Whitney suggested - Investigate other states that have been successful.

- **Action Item:**
  - Tom and Kitty will put this form together

**IX. Youth Project Discussion - Kitty**

EMDC was monitored by the state and the monitoring is done across the state. The state provided us kudos, for the youth council efforts and would like to help us support.

Sometime in the fall of 2010 - *proposing* a project, 6 weekly workshops, in the schools, for 7<sup>th</sup> graders, providing them with career choices and to get them to start thinking about their future. After the weekly workshops (near the end of 2010) we would like to plan an event, (possibly at the Bangor Auditorium) to tie in businesses and employers. This will be very interactive and unlike a job fair.

**Question to Members:** Kitty is asking members to take the lead in the final process of this event? This will be an opportunity to make a difference and show the community how we make a difference.

- **Action Items:**

- Give this some thought
- Realistic or unrealistic?
- Is Asset Mapping to be fulfilled, prior to this event?
- Asset Mapping – we need specific goals with defined outcomes

**X. Next Meetings for 2010 – Tentative**

- a. Wednesday, July 14th**
- b. Wednesday, October 13th**
- c. Wednesday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

With no other business presented at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by,  
Kathleen LaFlamme*