



**Youth Council Meeting**  
**Eastern Maine Development Corporation**  
**40 Harlow St. Bangor, Maine 04401**  
**Penobscot Board Room at 5PM**  
*February 4, 2009 –Draft-*

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Thomas Dorrity, Acadia Health	Jon Farly, TDC
	Tom Hart, Jobs for Maine Graduates	Debbie Crockett, Beal College
	Judy Holt, Training & Development Corporation (TDC)	David Conroe, TDC
	Dan Love, Penobscot Job Corps	Kathy Coogan, TDC
	Mary Fran Gamage, Maine DOL	Leilani Cyr, Tri County Technical Center
	Thelma Regan, Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Center	Mark Hackett, Bangor High School
	Carol Whitney, Shaw House	Shawn Lagasse, MDOE-CTE
	Hal Casey, Hancock County Tech.	Jan Byard, Eastern Maine Medical Center
	Elena Bourakovsky, TDC	Nancy McKechnie, TDC
	Karen Smith, Brewer Housing Authority	Alan Dickey, Northern Penobscot Region III Technical Center
	Joanna Russell, TCWIB	Rebecca Grzesik, Eastern Maine Development Corporation

**1. Call to Order**

The Tri County Workforce Investment Board Youth Council met on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 in the Penobscot Boardroom at EMDC, 40 Harlow Street, Bangor, Maine. Joanna Russell called the meeting to order at 5:10PM.

**2. Welcome & Introductions**

Joanna reviewed the agenda for the evening and asked those who were present to introduce themselves.

**3. Tri County Workforce Investment Board/ Eastern Maine Development Corporation**

Joanna briefly described the relationship between TCWIB and EMDC and their united goal to promote economic success through out the region by developing a successful

work-force development system. The organizations work together to connect job candidates with employers in Penobscot, Hancock, and Piscataquis counties.

Administratively, EMDC's role is to serve as the grant recipient and to serve as staff and perform duties assigned to the CLEO & LWIB, as well as to keep financial and meeting records.

Joanna supplied a copy of the TCWIB Reporting/ Funding Structure to the council.

#### **4. Overview of Youth Council- History**

Joanna gave a brief overview of the Youth Council to date. Over the past few years there has been a lapse in the Youth Council's activity as there has been significant staff turn over. In the effort to revitalize the Youth Council, Joanna asked those present to consider participating on the Council and how to extend the involvement to employers, parents, and youth.

Joanna supplied a handout on *What is the Purpose of the Youth Council?*. The handout noted:

- The purpose of the Youth Council is to provide expertise in youth policy and to assist in the Local Board in:
- Developing and recommending local youth employment and training policy and practice;
- Broadening the youth employment and training focus in the community to incorporate a youth development perspective;
- Establishing linkages with other organizations serving youth in the local area;
- Taking into account a range of issues that can have an impact on the success of youth in the labor market.

#### **5. Overview of Current WIA Youth Services- TDC**

Kathy Coogan shared the mission and work of TDC by collaborating with local organizations to assist individuals overcome barriers and create a well prepared, successful, viable life for themselves. To do this, it is important to make connections on various levels as well as promote youth to stay in school and/or fulfill training. One of the very successful programs that help of school students is Media Works Enterprise which creates accountability through customers and peers.

Judy, Elena, and Nancy (all employees of TDC) shared personal experiences and cases concerning youth education and employment in the region in which they work. All emphasized the importance of making a connection, making successes, promoting unawareness, as well as learning methods to attract youth into utilizing the services provided to them.

David and Steve from Media Works presented their newly designed website as well as their innovative presentation tool created to work as a "live whiteboard" to navigate websites and certain computer programs.

The over all program goals are to use technology as a tool and instill professionalism and experience to the participants.

**6. Shaping Opportunities/ Gold Collar Worker Event- *view video***

The Gold Collar Worker Event took place in 2008 and the highlights of the day were captured and packaged as an educational video.

**7. New Business**

Joanna encouraged the group to consider *their* role and what it would mean to the Youth Council.

Joanna supplied a job description for consideration, and her contact information for questions.

**8. 2009 Meeting Schedule Dates**

Historically the Youth Council meets quarterly. This year's schedule is as follows:

- March 18, 2009 from 5:00-7:00PM
- June 17, 2009 TBD
- September 16, 2009 TBD
- December 16, 2009 TBD

**9. Adjournment**

Being no further business Joanna Russell dismissed the meeting at 7:05PM.

*Respectfully Submitted by,  
Rebecca Grzesik*