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NORTH DAKOTA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MINUTES June 09, 2009

Meeting Date, Time, & Place: June 09 2009, 9:00 a.m., Job Service North Dakota, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Members Present: Patty Allery, Wanda Bye, Tim Eissinger, Dave Ellingson, Anita Kostek, *Kathy Holle for (Wayne Kutzer)*, Gloria Maragos (teleconf), Gaylene Massey, and Beth Zander.

Members Absent: Jolene Crosswhite, Leo Cummings, Kent Ellis, Wayne Kutzer, Debbie Painte, Cheryl Penny, and Ann Pollert.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Jim Hirsch

Guests Present: Jerry Houn

Staff Present: Cheryl Leach

CALL TO ORDER:

Opening Remarks & Introductions: Dave Ellingson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone and asked for introductions.

Administrative Announcements: Dave Ellingson noted that travel vouchers are available for members and to see Cheryl Leach after the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dave Ellingson motioned to approve the June 09, 2009 Agenda.

MOTION: Beth Zander moved to approve the June 09, 2009 agenda as presented. Wanda Bye seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Ellingson motioned to approve the April 21, 2009 Minutes.

MOTION: Gaylene Massey moved to approve the April 21, 2009 minutes as presented. Anita Kostek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHAIRS REPORT

Meeting Attendance:

Dave Ellingson reviewed the Attendance Record making each member aware of their attendance and the attendance policy. Jim Hirsch mentioned that if members can not make the meeting they have the option to send an alternate, however it is still marked as absent.

WIA Incentive Award Updates: Jim Hirsch reported on the following 2009 Incentive Proposal Recommendation and Awards. In checking the status of the North Dakota Incentive Award, we were advised that the State did not meet the WIA Title IV Literacy and Numeric Gains for the Youth Program and also did not qualify under the Department of Education's Adult Education and Family Literacy Act. We are working with the proponents for projects submitted for WIA Incentive Award funding to find alternative funding options.

The impact from the loss of \$750,000 in Incentive Award Funds the past three years, by not meeting the performance criteria were discussed by the Planning Committee. Based on discussion the Planning Committee is recommending that the Chair of the North Dakota Workforce Development Council appoint a workgroup to meet with each of the three State Agencies to review the Performance Indicator's; identify the current service delivery models; what barriers of the current service delivery models have on meeting performance standards, and identification of revised service delivery models which may include dual or concurrent program enrollments to meet requirements for Incentive Award Criteria.

2009 Incentive Proposals
Planning Committee PEER Review Workgroup
Priority Recommendation Worksheet
Dated March 19, 2009

Project	Description	Priority	Comment
CTE Corps of Discovery & Great Northwest Emerging Tech Cooperatives Emerging Technology Module "Demonstration" Budget \$145,000 First Year	The proposal is to implement a "Demonstration Project" through the joint partnership of the Corps of Discovery High Tech Learning Cooperative and the Great Northwest Emerging Technology Cooperative which will expand emerging technology foundation skill training currently available to secondary students to the adult populations and special population groups in Western North Dakota. This training will be provided through a total of eight 5 week High-Tech Learning Modules Sessions throughout Western North Dakota during the first year of the demonstration. The goal would be to have 12 participants in each of the 8 sessions. Target groups include all of the special population groups identified in the Strategic plan.	#1	Recommendation is to pursue this project using the following funding options: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WIA Incentive 2. WIA Stimulus 3. WIA Governor Set aside

<p>CTE –</p> <p>Encouraging Middle School and Nontraditional Students Participation in STEM education and STEM related Careers</p> <p>Budget: \$79,200</p>	<p>This proposal seeks funding to advance the awareness and interest of middle school age children in STEM education and STEM related careers. Portions of this proposed project will be focused on nontraditional and underrepresented groups of individuals with the explicit purpose of increasing their interest and offering opportunities for participation in hands on educational experiences that are focused on the areas of 1) nanotechnology, 2) alternative energy/bio-fuels, biotechnology, 3) molecular biology and 4) microelectronics.</p>	<p>#2</p>	<p>Recommendation is to pursue this project using the following funding options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WIA Incentive 2. WIA Stimulus 3. WIA Governor Set aside
<p>CTE-</p> <p>Increasing Math Rigor in CTE</p> <p>Budget: \$225,000</p>	<p>This project will provide professional development funding for career and technical programs that will provide CTE instructors with the knowledge and skills to better integrate core academics into their classes. These funds will be used to partner math teachers with career and technical teachers to provide them with better tools to teach the math standards that are embedded in all of CTE curriculum. A recent statewide scientifically conducted study of integrating math concepts into CTE demonstrated that we could increase student math scores on standardized tests by five to ten percent in one semester. This proposal would provide funding to continue this process. Other innovative approaches may be developed by local schools that would also meet the goal of better academic integration.</p>	<p>#3</p>	<p>Recommendation is to pursue funding of this proposal using the following funding options.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WIA Stimulus 2. WIA Incentive
<p>Job Service – TORQ</p> <p>Transferrable Occupations Relationship Quotient</p> <p>Budget \$67,000 One Year License</p>	<p>TORQ™, the Transferable Occupation Relationship Quotient, is an analytical tool developed by Workforce Associates, Inc., that links occupations based on the abilities, skills, and knowledge required by workers a vast number of occupations. TORQ™ reduces the complexity of transferring from one occupation to another – The Transferable Occupation Relationship Quotient is one single convenient measurement that defines "transferability" between occupations. Based on the abilities, skills, and knowledge from the vast O*NET™ database from the Department of Labor, TORQ™ can assess any transition with just one number. It's that simple. TORQ™ expands the notion of career pathways into an interconnected web of possibilities based on the factors that really matter for career mobility – not a specific job that someone is doing or has done, but what someone is capable of doing.</p>	<p>#4</p>	<p>Recommendation is to pursue funding of this proposal using the following funding options.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WIA Stimulus (Reemployment or Wagner-Peyser) 2. WIA Incentive
<p>CTE</p> <p>Expanding opportunities for Students in Information Technology</p> <p>Budget \$83,000</p>	<p>This project will assist schools to implement new programs and expand existing instructional programs in the high growth Information Technology area, by training instructors, developing curriculum, and purchasing statewide software and licenses to reduce the cost of implementation to all schools in the state. The funding would allow for a cost effective approach to training and provide expensive software to schools that will reduce the cost barriers to schools in implementing IT courses.</p>	<p>#5</p>	<p>Recommendation is to pursue funding of this proposal if sufficient funds are available using WIA Incentive</p>
<p>CTE-</p> <p>Career Outlook Update</p> <p>Budget \$50,000</p>	<p>This project will update both the image and the content of the Career Outlook tabloid that has been distributed to ND high school students for 26 years. The Outlook will be updated to a magazine format and the contents refined to promote North Dakota opportunities and provide more relevant career planning information to students</p>	<p>#6</p>	<p>Recommendation is to explore options for electronic publications and to pursue funding of this proposal if sufficient funds are available using WIA Incentive</p>

STATE COMMISSION UPDATES

AmeriCorps: Jerry Houn reported on AmeriCorps projects. Jerry commented that we are trying to fund projects that can help youth across the state, helping youth to obtain practical experience through their service. The current year we have \$500,000 in funding that we have awarded to five projects. We have one new project being funded in Maddock ND. We awarded 108 positions; 106 were filled out of the 108 positions. Next year we will fund six projects, one being a new project. There may be the possibility that funding will increase from \$500,000 to \$600,000 next year, which means the potential to fund new projects.

Learn and Serve: Jerry Houn reported that we have applied for and received the formula funding for the Learn & Serve Grant. The Department of Public Instruction will no longer administer that grant. This also opens up the opportunity to apply for the Learn and Serve funding with the community-based funding; working with the Senior Corps Program associated with the state office in Fargo. That request is over \$200,000. The only opportunity for us to apply for that grant is if we apply for formula funding with the Learn & Serve. We haven't been officially notified yet that we received the grant. We plan on utilizing the formula funding by teaming up with the JAG program in Williston this fall.

AGENCY REPORTS

Department of Public Instruction-Title II: Jim Hirsch (for Valerie Fischer) reported the current three-year Learn & Serve grant held by the Department of Public Instruction will end July 2009. Final reports are due June 30th; DPI is working with the ND Supreme Court on this activity. The funding has been allocated and it's expected to be spent without carryover. The next grant cycle will be received by DPI but given to the Department of Commerce to be held by Jerry Houn's program, with funding allocated for the JAG program in Williston. Additional funding beyond the state formula is available but on a competitive basis to be determined by Jerry. The final Learn & Serve report will be shared with the Youth Council at the next meeting.

The agency reports that:

- The current Adult Learning Center (ALC) sites are completing their year-end reports, due June 10th.
- 2009-10 allocations have been made to 18 ALC's based on applications (\$1,938,259).
- This next year will be spent working on development of criteria for ALC satellite centers with community, education, and employer focus groups.
- ND did not receive the WIA Incentive Award; DPI is checking with project officer as to what categories failed for Adult Education.
- DPI attended 13 ALC graduation ceremonies across the state in May.

Career & Technical Education: Kathy Holle (for Wayne Kutzer) reported that she doesn't have much to report. Kathy mentioned that right now we are collecting data from schools and in the fall we will be collecting the graduation information. The report for completers and graduates will not be available until December.

Job Service North Dakota:

WIA Financial Reports: Beth Zander reported on the Financials for Program Year 2008 - Status Report of March 31, 2009 (handout). Beth reported that they are $\frac{3}{4}$ into the expenditures. The Local Area Allocations reports that The Local Adult has expended 60% and committed 74%; Local Youth expended 55% and committed 71%; Local Dislocated Worker expended 59% and committed 76% with a total of 58% expended and 73% committed. This is right in line with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year. In the Statewide Activities, the National Guard & Army Reserve will be taken off. Those funds will be deobligated since that contract was not carried out. The total statewide administration is 76% expended and 100% committed; total state wide other activities is 63% committed, and the total statewide allocation is 72% committed.

WIA Financial Reports & WIA Performance and Participation: Beth Zander reported on the WIA data for PY 2008 participation. The Negotiated Performance Measures Summary shows the level achieved for the Adult Program is at 102.1%; the Dislocated Worker Program level achieved is at 105.9%; and the Youth Common Measures is 97.3% level achieved for program year 2008. Beth reported that we are struggling in the Literacy/Numeracy areas.

Beth also reported The Adult Program Analysis of Populations Served shows 798 total enrollment. The male to female ratio shows an increase in male enrollment, it usually is 50/50, however with the increase in oil field training and truck driver training the male percentage is high (male 525 - female 273). These careers are pretty gender specific; therefore this may have contributed to the result. The Veterans is reporting 5.76%.

The Dislocated Worker Program Analysis of Populations Served is showing a total enrollment of 225. There were 117 males and 108 females. The Veterans reports 8.89%. The Youth Program Analysis of Populations Served is showing 589 enrolled with 308 being male and 242 female. The Dislocated Worker Programs showing total participants served is 798 adult and 225 dislocated worker. Total training services reporting 230 adult and 105 dislocated services.

WORKFORCE LEGISLATION UPDATES

Job Service North Dakota: Beth Zander reported on SB 2016 (budget bill). The budget bill requested continued funding for Workforce 20/20, same allocation as last time and continuation of new jobs training programs. Both were approved. The request for funding for the Spidering feature within the labor exchange system was removed because ARRA funds will be used instead.

Career & Technical Education: Kathy Holle (for Wayne Kutzer) reported SB 2019 passed both chambers, 46-0 in the Senate and 87-0 in the House. We received just over \$27,150,000, including: \$1.55 M increased funding for schools, \$1M in cost to continue funding for Virtual Area Centers, \$250,000 to fund technical assessments for those students who concentrate in CTE; this is part of the new federal reporting requirements.

Funding was received for one FTE (\$150,000 for the agency to supervise Career Advisors and \$240,000 to provide Career Advisor training leading to their Career Development Facilitator Certification. The agency now has a total of 28.5 FTE's.

We received \$200,000 to equalize funding in Farm Management between secondary based and postsecondary based programs; all will receive 64% reimbursement on program costs. The total Farm Management line item is now \$749,802. We also provide \$807,790 out of the grants line for a total of \$1,555,592 to Farm Management. Not funded was the \$305,000 for cost to continue funding for the Workforce Training Regions (TrainND). The total funding remains at \$3M, therefore funding needed for salary will need to be raised through local revenue from training.

Additional language was included in the bill to direct the State Board of Higher Education to conduct a study of the workforce training system including effectiveness, responsiveness, and a review of the appropriate funding mechanism and report back to the next legislative session. The mechanism refers to how the funds flow through CTE.

In HB 1475, CTE received \$50,000 for innovation grants. This funding goes to both secondary and postsecondary schools to help fund robotics competitions in secondary schools. We now have \$120,000 with funding received last biennium for this activity.

Department of Public Instruction: Jim Hirsch (for Valerie Fisher) reported HB 1400 was the major education bill; it was a lengthy bill with multiple summaries now available to the bill. The department personnel are working on the bill details, creating timelines and teams. Of interest to the Youth Council is the work of career advisors.

HB 1013 basically followed the Governor's recommendations, receiving four FTE's, and the adult education funding increased by \$1,850,000 for the biennium (\$925,000/yr).

Department of Commerce: Jim Hirsch (for Shane Goettle) reported the Commerce budget has a total of \$192,287,408 with \$54,026,303 in general funds; \$129,384,632 in federal funds (includes \$68,594,635 in stimulus dollars), and \$8,876,473 in special funds. The Federal Fiscal Stimulus Funds include: Community Development Block Grants, Community Services Block Grant, State Energy Program, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, Weatherization Assistance Program, and Emergency Shelter Grants. Tourism received an increase of \$1,162,000 with tourism infrastructure grants to the Lewis & Clark Foundation; \$1.5M, and Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation \$500,000.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship received an allocation of \$400,000 for Innovate ND, \$1M for a new Technology-based Entrepreneurship Grant Program, and Entrepreneurship Awards (HB 1202) up to \$1M from BND New Venture Capital Program Funds which awards to business incubators and entrepreneurs.

Centers of Excellence was funded for \$20M total; Workforce Development received a 50% increase in the Operation Intern Program to \$900,000, Workforce Enhancement Grants was funded at \$1M, Workforce Training Quadrants received \$3M, Childcare Provider Grants (SB2225) received \$1.25M to the ND Development Funds for loans and grants to licensed child care providers for infrastructure and equipment. \$500,000 was to Commerce for grants to child care providers for small infrastructure projects and technical assistance; child care workforce development and quality improvement \$3.6 million, and student financial aid received \$19,374,044 in needs-based assistance; \$3M for Academic & Tech Ed Scholarships, \$1M for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math Student Loan Forgiveness.

Career Advisors (HB 1400 & 1013) reported a required that each school district have one career counselor for every 300 students, 1/3 of career counselors' requirement can be fulfilled with career advisors, and \$240,000 for career advisor training and certification.

Economic Development had an increase of \$400,000. The ND Trade office received \$2,064,000, five percent of State Mill & Elevator profits to APUC, PACE funding of \$8M, and Ag PACE funding of \$2.4 M. Economic Development Related Bills included in HB 1428 & SB 2060 was Renaissance Zone Program changes to include: May extend the duration of renaissance zone status increments of up to five years, \$7.5M cap for investments in renaissance fund organizations, three block island not required to be within half mile of renaissance zone and public utility infrastructure. Development of Life Science Industries (SB 2372) creates a safe harbor zone for corporate farming laws for non-food agriculture. Equine processing facility feasibility study (HB 1496) \$50,000. Beginning Entrepreneur Loan Program (SB 2100) guarantees capped at 5% of BND's tier one capital. SB 2040-Sales & use tax exemption for equipment used in telecommunications infrastructure development.

Energy Development – Biofuels Blender Pump Grants – \$2M, Great Plains Applied Energy Technology Center in Bismarck received \$5M (HB 1350), Renewable Energy Program received \$3M (SB 2014). Energy related bills, EmPower ND Commission, Renewable Energy Program & Biomass Incentive and Research Program combined, tax benefit to power plans for CO2 capture and reduced tax rate on oil wells.

Housing Bills SB 2247 – The limit for housing property tax exemptions is increased from \$75,000 to \$150,000 and includes condominiums and townhouses; HB 1165 – Mobil home and manufacturing house finance program. Infrastructure Bills – SB 2012 – \$1.35 billion for transportation including funds for counties, cities, and townships. HB 1304 – changes the allocation of oil and gas gross production taxes resulting in \$30M increase to counties and cities.

Commerce Related Bills: SB 2110 – Commerce Agency Bill – cleans up language to reflect current practices, expands Operation Intern to include apprenticeships and high schools students, creates a rural development office and council in statute, and ND Economic Development Foundation's "activities of the State" change.

The interim Studies – Technology-based entrepreneurship & economic development best practices. The study includes a review of best practices implemented by the department of commerce and the effectiveness of the foundation, the States workforce system, Higher Education study to include workforce needs and contributions to economic development and energy development related studies.

WIA TITLE I AND WAGNER-PEYSER PLAN MODIFICATION

Public Comment: Jim Hirsch reported on the WIA Title I and Wagner-Peyser Plan Modification. The Recovery Act, signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009, is intended to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation's economic recovery, and to assist those most impacted by the recession.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provide the following levels of additional workforce funding for North Dakota.

- \$34.4M in Title I Education for the Disadvantaged to help close the achievement gap and enable disadvantaged students to reach their potential
- \$3M in State Employment Service Grants to match the unemployed individuals to job openings through Job Service North Dakota and allow North Dakota to provide customized reemployment services;
- \$9M in Dislocated Worker State Grants, to support immediate strategies for regions and communities to meet their need for skilled workers, as well as long term plans to build target industry clusters with better training and a more productive workforce;
- \$1.2M for WIA Adult Programs
- \$2.9M for WIA Youth Programs
- \$1.6M for Vocational Rehabilitation to help individuals with disabilities prepare for and sustain employment.

The significant investment of stimulus workforce funds presents a unique opportunity for the workforce system to accelerate its transformational efforts and demonstrate its ability to innovate and implement effective One-Stop service delivery strategies. Given the dramatic the infusion of new funding, ETA is requiring that states submit a modification to their WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan to describe revised strategies to meet the intended use the additional funds provided under the Recovery Act. This modification covers the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The plan modification outlines how the State will make immediate use of the Recovery Act funds, while taking an expansive view of how the funds can be integrated into transformational efforts to improve the effectiveness of the workforce delivery system. Implementation of the Recovery Act will yield increased services and training for North Dakota workers, and an invigorated, more innovative delivery system capable of supporting future economic growth

The plan modification process began in March 2009, with the North Dakota Workforce Development Council Planning Committee's appointment of a Plan Modification Workgroup. The Plan Modification Workgroups membership consisted of the members

on the North Dakota Workforce Development Council Planning Committee as well as members from all of the mandatory partners and the private sector.

The Workgroup held their meetings throughout the months of April and the first week of May 2009, to develop specific sections of the Plan, provide ongoing information to partners and State agency heads and to solicit input from technical experts in the field of adult, youth, and dislocated worker services. The draft plan was presented to the NDWDC and Public comment was solicited during the period of May 15, 2009 through May 31, 2009.

The Modification Two: State Strategic Five-Year Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act and the Wagner-Peyser Act was approved by the North Dakota Workforce Development Council planning committee during their June 8, 2009 meeting.

The Economic and Labor Market Context section was developed by the Workforce Intelligence Council with input from the Job Service North Dakota Labor Market Information and Dislocated Worker Office; North Dakota is faring much better than most of the nation. The State has sustained a period of economic growth which is expected to continue into 2010. There have been some plant closures and layoffs since the fall of 2008, but in many cases affected workers have options to transition into other employment opportunities.

The Overarching State Strategies deal with intent of the funds that are available and addressing those issues. North Dakota will continue to strive for a strong comprehensive workforce system that enables adults to move easily between employment and skill improvement to advance their careers, achieve their occupational goals, and contribute to a growing economy. The workforce system includes partners in delivery workforce development, workforce training, and talent attraction and education services, along with partners in business, industry and economic development. In its implementation of ARRA WIA Youth Funds, North Dakota will focus on a 2009 summer program.

Recovery Act funds will be used to bolster existing WIA and Wagner-Peyser activities and to develop new creative solutions to North Dakota's workforce needs. Focus will be placed on preparing or retraining individuals who have been impacted due to plant closings or layoffs for high wage/high demand occupations in the Governor's Target Industries (advanced manufacturing, energy, technology-based business, tourism and value-added agriculture), as well as in support industries, such as transportation and health care. The strong connection with UI claimants will provide the impetus for serving increased numbers of individuals and for rapid re-employment results.

Collaboration among higher education, career and technical education, industry and the workforce system will be directed at development of training opportunities that provide Adult and Dislocated Worker populations with flexible, short term training, resulting in industry recognized credentials.

In the Target Populations, The Recovery Act identifies special populations who are to be provided priority for service with available funding (TANF Recipients, Economically Disadvantaged, Veterans, Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers). It is recognized that we cannot afford to leave any of our citizens behind.

The plan modification recognizes that special populations with barriers to employment are in need of customized individual service delivery approaches to help them overcome barriers to participation in the labor market. The plan modification supports the removal of barriers to allow each partner access to appropriate employment and training records within the system to improve service to the special population groups and allow the system partners to provide accurate and up-to-date information and necessary Federal reporting on their clients.

Placement in high-demand and high-wage occupations will be the goal for all individuals and will include non-traditional choices. Veterans will be provided priority of service in all Department of Labor funded programs when they meet eligibility criteria.

The ARRA funding and planning guidance places emphasis on trying new delivery models and focuses on skill building and connecting with opportunities through paid internships, work experience with the private sector and use of apprenticeships and OJT.

MOTION: Tim Eissinger moved to recommend approval of the Youth Service Section of the Plan to the North Dakota Workforce Development Council. Anita Kostek seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act:

Job Service: Beth Zander gave a brief recap reporting the received \$2.9M for youth. The majority of the funds have been obligated. 600 were predicted based on conservative counts. The staff is thrilled to be promoting the Summer Program for Youth. The work experience activities started June 1, 2009. We do have two contracts with Career and Tech Ed to provide three days of career exploration activities. The second contract is for Leadership Training and work readiness skills. This is being done in 41 locations. Some youth will take both activities. Kathy Holle reported that she has heard of commitments of 400 for the participation. The summer program can go through September 30.

Adult and Dislocated Worker Program received \$1.2M in Adult and \$916,000 in Dislocated Worker. The agency senior management team is finalizing the planned activities. The budget is pushing the money out to the field so they can use it for training and support services for participants. We are looking at putting one temporary administrative staff person to assist with enrollments and monitoring, and one temporary administrative staff person in the division of the agency for check and balances. The Wagner-Peyser money was a \$3M allocation. That money is more difficult to apply, but the end result will bring people to the realization that they can get the job or they need the training and getting them to utilize the WIA dollars for training. The three categories: The WIA funds for, Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker dollars

have to be spent and obligated by June 30, 2011. The Wagner-Peyser funds must be obligated by Sept 30, 2010.

Career & Technical Education: No Report

Department of Human Services: Wanda Bye reported that Vocational Rehabilitation gets \$1.8M of the stimulus money. We had a lot of input from the community regarding how they would like to see VR looking at this. Now we are at the point of taking a look at the information and deciding what to do. Right now we have 12 proposals coming from the regions; those proposals are coming from private providers that have ideas in regards to job development in those communities. We have requests from Higher Ed in regards to disability services people working with education. We also have high schools requesting funds. We have some requests that we are pursuing further for the whole area of the system technology, and possibly contracting for positions for use of assisted technology with the labs we already have, however we need additional people to work with the disabled population. We also contracted for a benefit planning position. That position will be located in Bismarck. There is one in Minot and Fargo and they have other funding sources, but we felt it was important to have a third position. We also have had requests in the state to enhance services for the traumatic brain injured.

We also need to expand the TBI services and we might look at contracting for that type of position. This is short term funding; we have to have focus on increased employment.

We have six projects for summer programs. This is the second year we have done this and would like to continue doing summer programs. We are looking at how to expand services for the senior year of high school. We are also looking at Higher Education and those students going on to college by increasing funding for disabled students going on to higher education.

Department of Public Instruction: Jim Hirsch reported in Valerie Fishers absence. The information specific to Education visit <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/stimulus/stimulus.shtm>

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE SUMMIT

Jim Hirsch mentioned that the 2009 Governor's Workforce Summit is scheduled for October 8-9, 2009 at the Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo, ND. Online registration is open. All receipts must be submitted to our office for reimbursement using a travel voucher. If the registration is sent via postal to our office, we will process the registration and will be paid through the Department of Commerce. Jim mentioned the early bird registration ends on July 31 so all registration needs to be submitted by this date. There is a \$50 charge in addition to the registration fee after July 31, therefore, registration must be sent in by July 24, after this date members will be required to put it on their credit card.

Jim Hirsch mentioned that a block of rooms have been reserved at the Ramada Plaza Suites. The rooms are \$79 per night; therefore the state rate is not applicable. Expressway Suites is also offering State Rate of \$55 for the nights of October 7-9, 2009. When calling in request for Workforce Summit Rate.

We are still looking for panels that can offer best practices that we could showcase during the Governor's Workforce Summit. Jim noted that if there are any companies that have an effective program in cultural diversity or managing generation in the workplace or best practices from the K-12 system that we can showcase to let us know.

YOUTH COUNCIL PLANNING

Prioritization of Council Activities

Linkages with Americas Serve Act – Jim Hirsch mentioned they are working on the expansion of AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve. We are looking at integrating those programs with the Workforce Investment Act and with Jobs for Americas Graduates (JAG). The Serve America Act was a reauthorization of the Serve America Act of 1990. Now we have reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act requiring us to provide a new State Plan starting July 1, 2010.

Linkages with JAG – The pilot for Jobs for Americas Graduates (JAG) in Williston has been successful. We recently met with individuals in Newtown interested in the JAG Program. Newtown sent in their intent. Jim will be visiting with them to follow-up. Jim mentioned that each council member could help by facilitating contacts with school districts or other community- based or faith-based organizations.

PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Beth Zander moved to adjourn the meeting. Anita Kostek seconded. All in Favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.