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## NORTH DAKOTA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

### MINUTES January 20, 2011

**Meeting Date, Time, & Place:** January 20, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Job Service North Dakota-Bismarck, North Dakota.

**Members Present:** Dave Ellingson-Chair, Patty Allery (via telec), Leah Beyer, Leo Cummings, Tim Eissinger, Cheryl Hess, Anita Kostek, Wayne Kutzer, Gaylene Massey, Debbie Painte, Ann Pollert (via telec), Beth Zander

**Members Absent:** Kent Ellis, Susan Gunsch, Gloria Maragos, Cheryl Penny

**Guests Present:** Valerie Fischer

**Staff Present:** Cheryl Leach, Jerry Houn, Brianna Strahm

### 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 January 20, 2011 Agenda.

**MOTION:** Gaylene Massey moved to approve the January 20, 2011 agenda as presented. Anita Kostek seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Ellingson motioned to approve the October 05, 2010 Minutes.

**MOTION:** Tim Eissinger moved to approve the October 05, 2010 minutes as presented. Leo Cummings seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

## CHAIRS REPORT & DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

**Meeting Attendance:** Beth Zander briefly reviewed the meeting attendance, reminding the members that there is a policy regarding attendance.

**Membership Update:** Beth Zander gave an update regarding the membership vacancies and potential new members. Several positions will be added to the Youth Development Council which include; a health care employer, four-year post secondary institution, a philanthropic organization, Job Corp representative, and Spirit Lake representative.

**2011 Meeting Dates:** Beth Zander reviewed the future 2011 quarterly meeting dates. The 2011 Youth Development Council meetings have been set for April 28, July 21, and the Governors Workforce Summit is set for October 5-6.

## YOUTH RELATED LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

**Department of Public Instruction (DPI) –** Valerie Fischer reported on the legislative bills regarding youth. The Graduated Driver's License bill is in its third time around. There is fear of the number of death related accidents with youth that brings this bill around again. Valerie commented that we are the only state in the country that doesn't have a Graduated Driver's License System. There is now the opportunity to lose funds if we don't pass his bill. The bill is supported by the DPI, Department of Health, as well as insurance companies. This year the bill has a better chance of passing.

Valerie reported that there is a bill regarding texting while driving, and a bill to continue to fund the College Scholarship Program, which has been a positive effort. There are also several bills related to student use of alcohol as well as the bullying bill. Other bills are the Children Health Insurance Program (CHIPS) and HB #1229 that requires abstinence only education. There are also a few truancy bills.

**Career and Technical Education (CTE) –** Wayne Kutzer reported that they are trying to expand access to CTE in a couple of different ways. Wayne commented that we are asking for dollars to expand the number of CTE programs that already exist. In the past year we had requested \$225,000 for new program start-ups. This would be just the high school level. We asked for \$750,000 for the biennium. There has been a large increase in the number of CTE courses that are delivered via online or ITV. Wayne commented that distance learning has provided a lot of access for CTE programs, unfortunately the traditional CTE programs are tough to deliver online. In another initiative we had a group in the Northwestern part of the state that are looking into establishing a virtual career technology center, which currently eight schools have signed a MOU to work together and another four to five schools are still in discussion stages. We do have dollars in the budget to fund a new start-up center.

Wayne reported that CTE is responsible for authorizing all private colleges to operate in the state. There are two bills put forth. With the change in online education, we are now approving all colleges and universities that want to offer online courses. We are hoping the legislature will establish a commission that will work out of NDUS. This commission would be made up of representation from the private colleges. The online education and US department of Education are reviewing the possibly of looking at every college

offering an online program. This will impact several colleges and universities in the state that offer online.

**Department of Commerce** – Beth Zander reported on bills involving youth and commerce. Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) was proposed and put in the Governor’s bill requesting \$100,000 to continue with the four programs established: Williston High School, Newtown, Williston State College (college success program), and United Tribes Technical College (college success program). These programs were to be funded at \$12,500 per year for the coming biennium.

Beth reported that Operation Intern is asking for \$900,000, and also asking for continuing appropriation. Because the funds are obligated for this biennium were asking for an emergency clause on the funding for next biennium. Beth reported that in the Governor’s budget, added two things to the Commerce budget. They include the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential; which is training to up the skill level and hit an industry recognized standard for child care providers. \$150,000 will be to assist with an individual receiving the prep, training, and testing in order to earn a credential in the child care area. The Governor also put \$125,000 in the Commerce budget to drive WorkKeys further than it is. This involves funds to promote employers, job seekers, general public, as well as a small amount of money to contract testing administration. However these dollars do not pay for the testing fee. In addition, SB #2056 calls for two things that tie to youth and affect us; first, a student opportunity website that calls for a development of a single portal for internships and scholarships; and the second piece to this bill is E-Portfolio. The interim Workforce Committee brought this bill forward and the E-Portfolio pilot project would have us implement a pilot over the course of the next biennium within institutions of Higher education to implement the e-Portfolio system.

## **YOUTH PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

**Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG)** – Jerry Houn reported on Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG). JAG has four programs that were established: Williston High School, Newtown, Williston State College (college success program), and United Tribes. JAG is working with youth that have a risk of dropping out of school. Jerry commented that JAG is trying to create a curriculum that will be more enticing for kids to stay in school.

Jerry reported that each program is funded for two years. Funding is for the JAG specialist salary and fringe benefits. We have had federal funds to cover the staff and fringe for year one up to \$50,000 and up to \$25,000 for year two. The proposed model is to support continuation funding in the amount of \$12,500 per year for two more years. Because of the federal fund sources being used we have had challenges in getting paperwork done.

**ND Youth Office** – Brianna Strahm presented Youth Forward. Youth Forward connects people ages 12-24 to a future in ND. Youth Forward works to promote jobs, entertainment, education, and more opportunities for youth looking to stay in ND. Youth are being reached in a variety of ways, i.e., social networks. The Youth Office is designed to be a liaison between partners to communicate with youth – you can visit the website at [www.NDYouthForward.com](http://www.NDYouthForward.com).

Brianna presented Career Conversations and explained that the program is a career awareness program that connects professionals in high demand jobs working in ND

with classrooms via webcam. There is no cost to participate. Brianna mentioned that she will be posting 20 different high demand careers in the month of January. There are 11 different videos on YouTube and Teacher Tube, there have been 9000 views on those videos.

**PUBLIC INPUT – None**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.**