



**NORTH DAKOTA
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**AGENDA
January 19, 2012
10 am to Noon**

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
10:00 am	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and Introductions• Admin announcements• Review and approve agenda• Review and approve October 20, 2011 minutes	Dave Ellingson
10:15 am	Chair's Report & Director's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WDC Policy for Youth Eligibility	Dave Ellingson Susan Gunsch
10:30 am	Missouri River Education Cooperative <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation and input request for \$25 Million Hess Grant	Lyle Krueger
10:45 am	Agency Reports and Workforce Training updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Job Service North Dakota• Career and Technical Education	Ruth Lacher Wayne Kutzer
11:00 am	Youth Program Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ND Youth Office• Vocational Rehabilitation	Brianna Strahm Cheryl Hess
11:15 am	Job Service Labor Market Information	Marcia Slag Michael Ziesch
11:30 am	Council Member Highlights and Discussion	
Noon	Adjourn	



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MINUTES
January 19, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Allery, Leo Cummings, Tim Eissinger, Dave Ellingson, Cheryl Hess, Wayne Kutzer, Ruth Lacher, Gaylene Massey, Debbie Painte, Cheryl Penny, Ann Pollert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leah Beyer, Kent Ellis, Sharon Fletcher, Anita Kostek

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Brianna Strahm, Lyle Krueger, Scott Davis, Marcia Slag, Michael Ziesch

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Fuhrman

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and Introductions

- Leo Cummings welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Admin announcements
 - Gloria Maragos, Juvenile Court Representative, has retired so the Youth Council will be looking for a replacement.
 - There will be a luncheon in connection with the Workforce Development Council this afternoon, so Susan Gunsch and Robin Fuhrman may need to leave early. Ruth Lacher and Dave Ellingson will continue the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Susan Gunsch motioned for approval of the January 19, 2012 agenda.

MOTION: Wayne Kutzer moved to approve the January 19, 2012 agenda as presented. Ruth Lacher seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Susan Gunsch motioned for approval of the October 20, 2011 Minutes.

MOTION: Ruth Lacher moved to approve the October 20, minutes as presented. Tim Eissinger seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report and Director's Update

- An absent member will be contacted regarding attendance.
- The attendance record will be updated for the April meeting.
- Susan will be contacting the Job Corps admissions counselor for possible membership.
- Discussed Workforce Development Council Policy 2-07-03 (3) Youth Eligibility for Workforce Investment Act.

Guest Presentation

Missouri River Education Cooperative – Lyle Krueger

- The Rural Education Association's (REA) mission is to support schools with various means. Some areas are professional development for staff and administrators, career and technical education for students whose schools don't have the capacity to have instructors for health information, information technology, welding, market and business courses.
- MREC also supports before and after school programs, ELL program, data management, data gathering, and data sorting.
- Explained the \$25 million Hess Grant and how these funds are to be broken down over the next five years, however MREC wants to be able to sustain the programs past the five year grant timeline.
- Discussed how STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education could be used to build a program for the districts.
- Asked group to let him know if they know of programs, resources, or individuals to contact that so they can be brought to the table when developing these programs.
- Grant application deadline is April 1. There will be a planning meeting on February 24 & 25 to start moving forward. If anyone is interested in being on the Lead Team for the REA, let Lyle know.
- Covered *Succeed 2020* Goal, Indicators, Core Strategies and Award Information.
- Leo Cummings noted there is a lot of need at Fort Berthold and this plan makes sense in that area. There are a lot of students not successful in completing the high school level, and when they are completed, there is no planning that goes into college or careers or skills and knowledge to fill jobs in the area, especially the oil industry. How do we maximize what is happening in the Bakken, Three Forks Play? How can people make maximum use of what's happening around them? Career and Tech education is lacking in the school systems. Coordination and collaboration efforts are needed.
- Scott Davis stated schools should take advantage of this opportunity; the challenge is to come to a consensus on one thing in three or four areas.
- Wayne Kutzer noted that the single biggest thing is getting groups together to try and find out where the gaps are and find out what services are available.
- Tim Eissinger noted that REA's are partnering with social service agencies. Questioned if social service agencies partner to help kids that are struggling with barriers such as emotional and behavioral issues, or addiction? Lyle replied they have met with social services agencies and one of the issues raised was a lack of assistance for those types of students. There was discussion with superintendents to have school resource officers or professionals with social service backgrounds and skill sets travel to schools and help provide assistance in working with students, parents, or group counseling. A plan would need to be formulated on how to fund someone for the schools, but not necessarily from the grant, it depends on what the school district wants and the resources they have available.

Agency Reports and Workforce Training updates

Department of Public Instruction – Valerie Fischer

- Provided Quarterly Report handout – information included
 - WIA Incentive Grant
 - 2010-2011 Annual Report
 - 2010-2011 ND Performance Indicators
 - GED Testing Service process

Job Service North Dakota - Ruth Lacher

- Provided information on WIA PY 2011 Participation (July 2011 – September 2011)
 - Negotiated Performance Measures Summary
 - Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs
 - Financial Report
- Job Service ND met performance measures for Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker in the first quarter.
- Youth numbers are low as a result of last year's funding level, but the offices are currently recruiting.
- On track for expending funds.
- There is only one statewide contract with the ND State Penitentiary in collaboration with Bismarck State College for welding training. Just completed a class and are starting another class with six participants and then the grant will be fully expended. After the class, participants receive a welding certificate, and also do testing to meet standards. A number of participants have been hired prior to release.

Career and Technical Education – Wayne Kutzer

- Reviewed the Consolidated Annual Report for CTE which is filed every year on December 31.
- Shared printout showing number of students taking CTE courses in the 2010-2011 school year.
- Explained enrollment of CTE Concentrators, those students who take two or more credits in a particular area.
- Reviewed State Performance Measures summary.
- Shared information on the implementation of state and local program improvement plans.

Youth Program Presentation - ND Youth Office - Brianna Strahm

- Operation Intern is 82% obligated for biennium, 25% expended.
- Job Shadow Week is January 30 to February 3. This is a weeklong promotion of job shadowing opportunities, with schools across the state participating. From the student's perspective it's to promote careers happening in ND. Teachers connect students with businesses.
- There will be Crash Courses held in Hazen and Richardton-Taylor.
- Participated in State Student Council Convention along with 1,300 students from across ND. Visited with them about careers and educational opportunities in North Dakota.
- Took part in a Bismarck Career Fair where Middle school students had 30 minutes to learn about careers.
- Will attend the Energy Generation Conference next week. Learn about careers in ND and energy companies will be there talking about what it's like working for them, and different occupations that they will be hiring.
- Attended a Strategic Planning Session with the City of Cavalier and their county officials. Noted one of their plans is to start a Young Professionals network.
- Career Conversations videos are on the Internet and have had 60,000-70,000 views. Looking to add another 20 videos this year. These 5-10 minute videos are viewed in classrooms and at home on YouTube. They highlight careers that students can't job shadow, such as social worker, nurse, or doctor. Videos can be found on ndyouthforward.com or search career conversations on YouTube.

Vocational Rehabilitation - Cheryl Hess

- VR is designed to assist individuals with disabilities become employed or obtain or maintain employment.
- One of the programs covered is Transition. Noted 35% of individuals served through VR are under 21 and not graduated or are working toward GED.
- Shared information on VR consumers served, consumers employed, general caseload, transition caseload, occupational categories of persons age 21 and under at time of application, primary disability age 21 and under at time of application. Also shared information on referral sources for summer employment program, 2011 summer employment highlights, and cost of the summer employment projects.
- Worked on a Teacher Internship Project in collaboration with Minot state university and DPI for teachers to learn about VR.

Job Service Labor Market Information - Michael Ziesch & Marcia Slag

- Deferred presentation to the afternoon as most individuals had departed for the luncheon meeting. Asked what the council wanted to see in the future. Dave suggested youth data. Michael said they can present the age related employment data and are open to suggestions.

YDC Member Highlights and Discussion

- None

Public Input – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Ellingson motioned for adjournment of the meeting.

MOTION: Wayne Kutzer moved to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Lacher seconded the motion. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.