

BOS WIB Youth Council
September 16, 2010
Indiana Government Center South, Room A
Indianapolis, IN 46204
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8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Present: Dennis Wimer, Matt Fleck, Jim Hemmelgarn, Bill Stanczykiewicz, Chuck Smith

Also Present: Leslie Crist, Sue Honcharuk, Brittany Dougherty and Elizabeth Darby of DWD Strategic Initiatives; Robyn Minton, Region 1; Larry West, Region 4; Tony Cross and Brianna Morse, Region 5; Karen Bailey, Region 6; Mike Smith, Region 7; Bart Brown and Michele Bowman, Region 9; Jim Heck, Region 11; Bill Miller, Indianapolis Private Industry Council

Conference Calling: Mayor Wayne Seybold

Absent: TJ Brink; Jim McClelland, Terry Rodino, Sherry Siewart, Rebecca Webb, Matt Ubelhor, Patrick Jamison, and Kathy Delgado

At 8:59 a.m., Chair Wimer called the State Youth Council to order.

Council member Hemmelgarn made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Council member Fleck. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Council Members.

Chair Wimer stated that the meeting format for the Council may change again and go back to one agenda and one meeting. He will discuss the rules and procedures at a later date.

Ms. Leslie Crist stated the JAG Program for youth is a successful use of WIA funds; however, there may be additional programs that could be utilized. A Youth Strategy Plan will be sent to each Regional Operator in order to collect information on youth programs. Best practices and metrics will also be collected. Once this information is received, it will be combined to create a state plan for DWD and the Youth Council. Chair Wimer stated gathering and collecting information is very important and will assist the Council in determining what partnerships are needed to assist the youth.

Council member Stanczykiewicz stated that in the JAG report, only 1/3 of the WIA funds were used for the JAG program. What are the remaining 2/3 of the funds going toward? Discussion on JAG funding followed. Chair Wimer stated the strategy plan will be good for the confirmation of use for WIA funds. It will drive reports and data.

Ms. Sue Honcharuk updated the Council on the JAG Program; the only statewide dropout prevention program. There are 51 in-school sites and 14 out-of-school sites using WIA funds. Currently 30% of WIA funds are being used for JAG. Other sources of funding should be researched to assist in expanding this program. While the JAG Program assists many youth, there

are still youth that apply that are ineligible. Ms. Honcharuk would like to see what other funding exists to assist the youth that are ineligible for JAG.

Council member Fleck asked what other states were using. Ms. Honcharuk stated some states are using DOE funds, and Wagner-Peyser 7B funds. Council member Stanczykiewicz asked if the schools could use Title 1 funds. Council member Fleck stated he would look into it.

Chair Wimer stated if data was available to support the success of the JAG Program, a meeting could be set up with Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Bennett from DOE to discuss collaborating with them as well as discuss other funding sources. Discussion followed on funding.

Ms. Honcharuk stated the use of data assists with monitoring to see how students are being served. The JAG teachers are giving students a 2-3 week window of opportunity to complete the paperwork in order to apply for the program. Best practices are shared throughout Indiana. She would like to see how regions are supporting students' additional needs.

JAG National will conduct an accreditation review in October. They will monitor Indiana's JAG Program; talk to coordinators, students and school administrators to ensure a quality program and to review data and outcomes.

Council Member Stanczykiewicz stated JAG was an extraordinary program. He asked if a Junior could take the PSAT if they don't take the SAT when they are a sophomore. Council Member Fleck stated not at this time because of the contract. Discussions on having JAG students take the PSAT and the funding for the PSAT followed.

Three options of funding came out of the discussion. One item was to speak with DWD to see if discretionary funds could be used. The second item was to speak to the Regions to see if they could assist students with PSAT funding. The third option would be more long term as it is programmatic and will take a longer time to determine.

Council member Stanczykiewicz asked if the scores of individual JAG students could be compared and if they could be compared to non-JAG students. Chair Wimer stated we could ask for the individual scores and insert a column for JAG students. Ms. Honcharuk stated she would get the data.

Ms. Elizabeth Darby updated the Council on the JAG Leadership Development Conference. With 200 students scheduled to attend three conferences will be offered at Earlham College, Bradford woods and Camp Tecumseh. All schools are registered and Earlham College will provide a tour of the college.

Chair Wimer stated the State Youth metrics will be reviewed at the December meeting.

Council member Fleck made a motion to adjourn the SWIC Youth Council meeting; seconded by Council member Hemmelgarn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

