

SWIC
Youth Council
June 21, 2012
Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Conference Room 18
Indianapolis, IN 46204
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Present: Bill Stanczykiewicz, Dr. Susan Lockwood, and Skye Berger

Also Present: Leslie Crist, Brittany Dougherty, Elizabeth Darby, Cory Mahon and Domonic Dreyer of DWD Strategic Initiatives; Greg Vollmer, Region 2; Deb Waymire, Region 4; Lance Ratliff, Region 5; Barbara Street, Region 6; Bart Brown and Michele Bowman, Region 9; Tony Waterson, Region 10; Jim Heck, Region 11; and Bill Miller, EmployIndy.

Absent: Thomas Brink, David Entzian, Lloyd Garrison, Patrick Jamison, Cathy Metcalf, Terry Rodino, Redford Salmon, Wayne Seybold, and Sherry Siewart

Mr. Bill Stanczykiewicz welcomed council members and members of the public. He requested review of the March meeting minutes.

Mr. Stanczykiewicz and Ms. Leslie Crist reviewed Indiana's Youth Strategy and Strategic Partners. Information on the youth strategy and a partner list are included in the meeting packets. The attendees discussed the strategy. Some members felt the strategy was too broad, but others appreciated that it was broad and allowed for regional flexibility. It was suggested that the three common measures be listed with the strategy. It was also suggested that the strategy be expanded with more definitions.

The question is how prescriptive should the strategy be while still allowing local area definition. One regional attendee noted that the regional youth councils should have ownership, authority, and provide the local vision. If the local councils are not able to provide vision, strategy, and priorities then they will stop participating on the local youth council. Another attendee noted that the WIA Youth Manual provides the details and implementation guidance so the strategy does not need to be as prescriptive. It was also suggested that staff look at the local strategic plans and try to incorporate. Strategic Initiatives staff will update the strategy to include the common measures and will try to add more definitions.

Ms. Crist shared a statewide strategic partner list with the council and asked for additions to the list. No additional suggestions were offered. She suggested that local areas review their partner list to assure alignment with regional goals.

Dr. Susan Lockwood discussed a Department of Correction transition grant with Department of Education. They wrote a grant and are doing a pilot project in Tippecanoe, Boone, and Howard counties. The Education Division of the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) is working actively with staff from the Indiana Workforce Development (DWD) to assist youth with obtaining

employment upon release from juvenile facility schools. Typically, youth returning to their communities from Camp Summit have a GED and are old enough to seek employment. The objective of this newly-formed collaboration among IDOC Transition Coordinators and DWD Regional Youth Coordinators is to connect these youth with employment, in addition to helping them obtain additional job training as needed.

Mr. Stanczykiewicz provided an update on the 2012 Youth Council Summit. The Summit will be September 11, 2012 at the Fort Harrison Inn. The Summit will be an opportunity for attendees to share best practices, gain information, and work with peers from around the state. Each region should send two council members and one staff member. All SWIC youth council members were encouraged to attend.

Ms. Crist provided a brief update on youth performance, allocations, and Local Plan reviews. She pointed out the related charts and tables in the meeting packets.

Ms. Elizabeth Darby discussed her plans to focus more attention on Out-of-School programming. She informed the regions that she would be contacting them to schedule visits and learn more about their Out-of-School activities.

Ms. Brittany Dougherty provided a brief update on the YHCC programming and other summer programming activities. Ms. Dougherty reported that the YHCC program started in May and nearly all of the positions had been filled. The partner agencies, Indiana Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources, and Indiana National Guard have until the end of June to fill the remaining positions. The participants can work until October 26, 2012. Some of the regional summer activities include internships and camps. Council members suggested that YHCC and other summer programming activities be a media opportunity by promoting the activities on Labor Day.

Ms. Crist provided an update on the JAG program. She pointed out the latest data included in the meeting packet. She also drew attention to the Programs and Regions achieving JAG National 5 of 5 goals.

Mr. Stanczykiewicz thanked youth council members and regional members for coming to the meeting and wished everyone safe travels. The next meeting is the Youth Council Summit on September 11, 2012. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.