

**Economic Growth Region 6 Workforce Investment Board
Youth Council Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2011 – Henry County WorkOne**

Present: Gary Barrett, Cindy Cash, Milt Eley, JoAnn King, Holly Lee, Brad Wilson

Others Present: Rusty Hensley, Jo Ann McCowan, Leslie Crist, Josh Gibson, Barbara Street, Mellisa Leaming, Chad Breeding, Jacob Durham, Carla Jo Mason, Iris Phillips, Karen Ullom, Janet White, Chad Wlodarek, Karen Bailey

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Brad Wilson, Co Chair, called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Karen Bailey, Associate Director of Operations, explained that Pro Resources' Youth Career Advisors were in attendance. Pro Resources has been contracted to provide Youth Services in Region 6 by recommendation of the Youth Council. The Youth Career Advisors introduced themselves as well as all others in attendance.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Brad asked for conflicts of interest. None declared.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINTUES

Brad asked for approval of the June 9, 2011 Youth Council meeting minutes. Gary Barrett made a motion to approve the June 9, 2011 meeting minutes as written and Jo Ann King seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE/WIB PLAN/FUNDING UPDATES

Barbara Street, ASG President/CEO, reviewed current membership and mentioned that two additional/potential individuals have expressed an interest to become members – Jo Ann McCowan and Rusty Hensley. Next step requires approval by the Workforce Investment Board.

Barbara updated the Council on the WIB Plan. All Youth Council members had received the plan electronically which included the Youth Program Model and Design recommended by the Youth Council and approved by the WIB. The plan was updated based upon state review, requiring modification and funding reductions. The plan was approved by the State Workforce Investment Council (SWIC) on 9/9/11. Also, the Economic Growth Region 6 Workforce Investment Board (EGR6 WIB) was certified by the SWIC on 9/9/11. The Youth Council membership has not yet been approved - the request is to be considered by the SWIC Youth Council for approval at the December meeting.

Barbara discussed the WIA Youth Plan expenditure/performance parameters and PY WIA Youth Formula Youth funding and PY 11 Youth Budget. The projected PY 11 Revenue/Expense budget had us in an over budget amount of \$158,391. The revised budget has us at an over budget amount of \$120,028. Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has committed discretionary funding of \$159,000 to Region 6 leaving us with an over budget of \$38,972.

Karen informed the Council that Region 6 is being pro active in researching and pursuing grants that fit within the mission of EGR6

Karen informed the Council that DWD has submitted a Youth Disability Grant Application to Department of Labor. The project is called *Transitions+* and targets youth 16-24 who has a disability. The goal is to help these individuals gain self sufficiency and independence through three distinct pathways – high school completion, drop-out recovery, and employment connections. Regions in the state who have expressed an interest, which EGR6 has, will be either chosen as a pilot or a control group.

Another funding opportunity has been submitted to Best Buy. Janet White, JAG Manager, explained that Region 6 has applied for a Best Buy Grant in the amount of \$9,000 for *Learning through Technology* – a project where 30 JAG students would receive a laptop and also learn the skills needed to better their career awareness, assist them in applying for work or to college, and to complete high school homework. Notification should be received in October.

YOUTH COUNCIL EDUCATION

Karen presented the Council with the foundation of the Youth Program and its services through a power point presentation. This included youth eligibility for the program, important definitions, 10 elements, PY 11 enrollment plan, JAG and YouthWorks, and Youth Common measures. Discussed in further detail were the performance measures known as the Youth Common Measures. The Performance Report June 2011 was shared with the Council. This report showed how Region 6 was doing from previous performance and also ranked us in comparison to the other regions in the State.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was announced that the EGR6 WIB annual meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2011 at the 4th Floor Blues Club in Richmond, Indiana. Each Youth Council member should be receiving their electronic invitation soon. The Connersville JAG students will be assisting with the event as guides dressed in the famous Blues Brothers attire.

Karen asked that the Youth Council propose a regular meeting schedule. Brad asked that the staff send an email request to all Youth Council members surveying them for best day and time for the meetings and then to put together a proposed meeting schedule for review.

ADJOURNMENT

Brad asked if anyone had any comments and if no objections the meeting would be adjourned. Everyone was in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bailey