

**River Valley Workforce Investment Board's
Minutes of the Youth Council Committee Meeting**

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| Report for: | Youth Council Committee Meeting | | |
| Date/Time: | October 20, 2009 @ 8:30 a.m. | | |
| Location: | KCDEE Conference Room, One Smoketree Ofc. Complex, North Aurora | | |
| Attendees: | <i>Members</i> | | <i>Guests</i> |
| | 1. Gary Von Behren, Chair | P | Deb Banker, KCDEE |
| A - Absent | 2. Charlie Siebert | A | Anne Hauca |
| | 3. Jackie Espinoza / Faye Landis | P | |
| P- Present | 4. Alyson Gaspar / Jeri Dixon | P | |
| | 5. Clayton Pryor / Danata Andrews | P | |
| | 6. Julie Goodwick | P | |
| | 7. Gil Morrison / Tatia Beckwith | A | |
| | 8. Lisa Sipinski / Bruce Olson | P | |
| | 9. Mary Ann Kolls | P | |
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| Need 5 for quorum | | | |
| Staff: | Sharon Walker (P); Chris Aiston (A) | | |
| Next Meeting Scheduled: | February 16, 2010 | | |

- I. Call to Order – Chair Von Behren called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. A quorum was established.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - ♦ August 20, 2009 – Chair Von Behren set a motion to the floor to approve. Olson motioned to approve; Goodwick seconded the motion. Motion carried, minutes approved.
- III. Old Business
 - ❖ Modification to the Local Youth Plan to Incorporate ARRA Initiatives – Chair Von Behren noted to members that the Plan has been modified and it will be going directly to the Executive Committee and the Board as part of the modification to the 5-year plan, with other modified attachments. Von Behren noted that once the Board approves it, Walker will email it to you for your information.
- IV. Ad-hoc Committee Reports
 - A. RFP – no report, so noted.
 - B. Career Awareness – no report, so noted. Chair Von Behren stated he is waiting for a full-time Executive Director to facilitate a plan for future career events.
- V. New Business
 - A. Review PY09 First Quarter Financial and Enrollment Reports
 - 1) PY09 Monthly Cost Reimbursement Report (10/9/09)
 - 2) Youth Services Contracts--Plan vs. Actual Enrollments Report (9/15/09)
 - ❖ Members reviewed the reports distributed and Banker provided an overview of each. Banker noted that each project spends out a little differently and a discussion was held on the emphasis of spending ARRA funding first. Banker noted now that the waiver from the State of Illinois has been granted by DOL, almost all of the providers have opted to extend their programs and can now enroll students to the end of March, as long as they are in work experience only and they can get supportive services, otherwise, they will not be counted in the performance pool. Banker noted that the only provider that wasn't continuing on is Kendall County Special Education and that is because it was only open to students that were enrolled as Out-of-School Older Youth, and Kendall County Special Education serves students that are predominantly In-School Youth. Banker went on to state that they ended up absorbing a number of students, as did many providers, that they wanted to transition over into their regular WIA formula funded program. Banker noted when members review the enrollments report, to please note these numbers do not include those students who have transitioned over just yet, but noted they will be updating the report soon, and noted she is not sure how Director Robinson wants to reflect these numbers. Chair Von Behren asked members for questions and there were none at this time.
 - B. ARRA Youth Summer Program Enrollment Report – Members reviewed the report distributed and Banker provided an overview, noting that this reflects the total number of students enrolled by provider, 451, and noted that 422 of the 451 students have gone into work experience and that the

providers are working on pre-assessing the students who have not yet made it into work experience. Banker noted that the plan for the ARRA Youth Grant is to have 600 students and that KCDEE is working diligently to reach that objective by June of 2010. Chair Von Behren stated that given the short turn-around time with these programs, 422 so far is a pretty high number.

C. ARRA Youth Summer Program Work Site List – Members reviewed the report distributed and a discussion was held. Banker provided an overview of the report and noted there a few crossovers at employers with providers and a discussion was held on restoration projects. Banker noted that this report is not a final report but wanted to provide members with the number and scope of projects in the meantime. A discussion was held on whether the current employers are staying on as work sites now that the waiver to extend has been granted. Banker noted that Youth Staff have developed lists of students that are transitioning over into the WIA regular formula funded programs and which ones are eligible to transition into the continuation of the ARRA Youth Summer Programs. A discussion was held on ARRA funding getting to participating employers quicker to meet payrolls, which got off to a slow start, as it was five to six weeks before the funding started coming in when the programs began.

❖ A discussion was held on Success Stories. Walker noted there wasn't a Success Story on this Agenda because she has not received any over the past few months and members noted they'd like to review Success Stories from students who went through the ARRA Youth Summer Programs. Chair Von Behren noted the Hesed House is rehabbing and modernizing their whole building as they are serving a lot of people and a discussion was held on the efforts going on at Hesed House and the needed services they provide to the community. Von Behren also stated that they are opening a Resource Center which is a very exciting project, which will hopefully have a huge impact on peoples' lives. Gaspar noted there are bricks on the building for the Waubensee Community College campus in downtown Aurora and Von Behren stated WCC's downtown Aurora campus will also be very good for the community.

VI. Action Item(s) – no action items, so noted.

VII. Adjournment – Von Behren reminded members that the December 15th meeting has been cancelled and that if need be, a meeting can always be scheduled. Chair Von Behren set a motion to adjourn. Olson motioned to adjourn; Goodwick seconded the motion. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.