

Region 7 Workforce Investment Board

Youth Council

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2010

The Region 7 Youth Council met on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 10:00 am in Room 210 at Eastern WV Community & Technical College, Moorefield, WV.

Those in attendance were: T.J. Van Meter, Elizabeth De Pue, Bob MacPhail, Grover Duling, Pam Shrader and Megan Scott.

Minutes of the previous meeting on November 17, 2009 were reviewed, a correction was made concerning the date of the Bidders' Conference, and the minutes were approved.

T.J. Van Meter shared information from a conference he recently attended in Pipestem regarding State-wide goals for youth programs: each youth participant should develop a portfolio, participation in leadership camps should be encouraged, and out-of-school youth should be WorkKeys tested.

Elizabeth De Pue shared some statistics: Currently, Region 7 has 88 youth registered, 59 through South Branch and 29 through Martinsburg. Thirty-four youth have soft-exited in the past two months. Many of these were Job Corps participants who exited Job Corps, some with skills certifications and/or GEDs. When considering youth who exited in 2009, 83% had positive outcomes for Attainment of Degree or Certification. Forty-seven percent had positives for Placement in Employment or Education in 2009. She also shared info regarding the size of the youth programs in other Regions throughout the State. Region 1 has 130 youth registered, Region 2 has 74, Region 3 – 59, Region 4 – 159, Region 5 – 361, Region 6 – 99.

Bob MacPhail provided the group with a handout detailing youth services activities between 11/11/2009 and 01/13/2010.

The group discussed the need to elect officers and agreed that the Youth Council would like to be a part of the RFP review process, with the Youth Council Chair the logical choice for someone to provide input to the review process. Because so few were present at the meeting, a decision was made to have nominations and the election of officers carried out electronically. Members will be contacted via email and asked to make nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

The next Youth Council meeting will be on March 31, 2010 at 10:00 am with the location yet to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.