

**Region 7/61 Youth Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2006 – 3:00 PM
Seneca County Department of Job & Family Services**

Present:

Kathy Oliver, Beverly Henry, Suzanne Willacker, Carol Owen, Beverly Hemmerly, Mayor Bernard Hohman, Marcus Arias, Erin Snook, Jim Miranda, Sharon George, Lisa Heyman, Jacquie Wells, Beth Hannam (Chair), Lynn Tucker Roberts, Janet Quaintance, Donna Kin

Welcome

Kathy Oliver

Resignations:

Discussed the resignation of Roger Fisher. He is going to work with the On the Job Training contract at WSOS. Any suggestion for nominations would be appreciated. Carol Owen mentioned looking for a new person from Girl Scouts and from an employer who works with youth.

Autumn Clouse also resigned due to work duties.

New Members

Kathy Oliver mentioned the addition of a parent representative was added to the board. She also reiterated the need to look for nominations to add to the committee.

Approval of October 26, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 26, 2005 meeting minutes were presented by Kathy Oliver. After review and a minor correction to the Younger Youth Sub-Committee notes on the Rimelspach Farms trip, a motion to approve was made by Jim Miranda and seconded by Sharon George, and unanimously approved by all present.

Youth Report

Janet Quaintance

Youth Grant Expenditures

WSOS Sandusky and Seneca County WIA Youth Services In-School Youth Monthly Report for November, 2005 was passed out, discussed and questions answered.

It was noted on the Seneca County report that the Current Expenditure rate for Out-of-School Youth was 31% not 20% as the report stated.

The 39% participation was discussed. Also discussed was their new youth counselor for Sandusky County and that it will take time for him to build up participation by initiating home visits and by other means.

Mini Youth Council Report

Erin Snook

Erin discussed the December 8, 2005 meeting of the Mini Youth Council. She listed the attendees of that meeting as, Marcus Arias, Heather Bogle, Jennifer Bogle, Tristan Evans, Kyle Snavelly, Gabrielle Barns, Courtney Blust and herself as Youth Advocate.

She also mentioned they elected the following officers as follows: President, Jeremia Green; Vice President, Jennifer Bogle; Treasurer, Heather Bogle; Secretary, Kyle Snavelly and Secretary of Defense/Court Jester, Marcus Arias.

She discussed the New Year's bowling party that the group enjoyed at Seneca Lanes. There were 17 youth participating and they played 71 games in total using 5 lanes. She also discussed the fundraiser activities and their goals. One goal is to get more youth active and have greater participation. The next meeting of the Mini Youth Council is the last week of January, 2006.

WSPS WIA Youth Program:

The January 18, 2006 "WIA Work and Wisdom Seneca Co. In-School Youth" Newsletter was passed out and discussed by Erin Snook. Erin mentioned Dan Seifert of the Seneca One-Stop and thank him for being a second time employer for this group. In the Youth Spotlight section she mentioned Marcus Arias and Tristan Evans. These youth have made great strides in improving their lives.

Sandusky County Work and Wisdom Program – In-School Youth Program

The January 18, 2006 newsletter was passed out and discussed. Lisa Heyman mentioned the employer of the month is Sandusky County YMCA. Also mentioned was Ashley Fisher the Participant of the Month. She also discussed the Updates and Special Events lists giving a special note to the Da- Youth Council Meeting and Stress and Loss Seminar.

WIA OSY Work and Wisdom Program

Lisa Heyman discussed the youth in the Spotlight and how the program turned her life around. The Year-in-Review was also discussed.

Youth Program Monitoring 1-18-06

Suzanne Willacker

Suzanne summarized the activity of the Youth Monitoring. At the October 27, 2005 Youth Case Monitoring meeting it was decided to change from a combined Sandusky-Seneca Meeting and case review to a review conducted by our respective county. She also stated that we continue to review two Active ISY and one ISY in follow-up and one OSY active and one OSY in follow-up case at each county.

Also, Suzanne discussed the November 29, 2005 and January 3, 2006 Case Review Sheets. They have been completed and submitted to WSOS with suggestions and observations. Any procedure adjustments or items to be addressed are done through e-mail. Combined meetings will be conducted as needed regarding technical assistance.

State Youth Council Meeting:

Kathy Oliver

Kathy Oliver discussed the State Youth Council Meeting which was held on January 17, 2006. She said topics of discussion were: income expended and fiscal reporting.

A. New Business Discussed:

Department of Labor Monitoring, Ohio issues which include:

1. Area 7 board members, more members are needed
2. Issues with procurement to affect this year? Kathy explained that this would not affect the present contract because it is in effect till July, 2007
3. Monitoring training contracts

B. Ohio Waiver– Ohio can move 50% of funds between dislocated and adult workers, which is an increase from the previous 20%.

WSOS employees were excused for an executive session to discussed the Youth Council Contract. Items of discussion were:

- Next year's Youth Contract
- One Stop's roll-over or bid-out contract

- The need for a decision to take place on contracts at the regional board next week.
- Staffing changes for Seneca County Department of Job and Family Services was discussed by Kathy Oliver. Kathy praised Bev Henry and Suzanne Willacker for the work in Workforce Development and added that Carol Owen has been hired to be our Workforce Administrator. Kathy also mention the promotion of Linda Cahill as a new WIA employment and training worker to work along side of Sue Fowler.
- Carol Own mentioned the need for an assistant on the Youth Council, also new performance measures to get up-to-date.

Additional discussion was regarding help with the language of contracts. Mayor Hohman asked if the language could be changed. It was mutually agreed that we should bid out the contract. Change with common measures were discussed with the youth we have and would be needing.

A motion was made by Mayor Hohman to approve the contract to be sent out for an RFP as well as changing the language, seconded by Jim Miranda and unanimously approved by all.

Carol Owen discussed the improvement with full staff. Issues not major but there is some struggling with SCOTI.

2005 Summer Career Camp Video

The summer career camp video was played. It depicted the youth enjoying the camp with an upbeat, youthful approach. The theme was "Looking for the Right Job." Some of the skills the children participated in were wood working, landscaping and computer design, family disaster planning, pharmacy technician, food service, sign making and recycling. The reaction from the youth was positive. They particularly enjoy the occasional dip in the pond. Erin said the video is used as a promotional tool

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 19, 2006, Sandusky County Department of Job & Family Services

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, July 19, 2006 Seneca Co. DJFS

Wednesday, October 18, 2006, Sandusky Co. DJFS

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Beth Hannam at 4:20 pm.