

Region 7/61 Youth Council Agenda
Wed., January 19, 2005
Seneca County Department of Job and Family Services
3:00 p.m.

Present:

Bernie Hohman, Mayor of Tiffin
Janet Quaintance, WSOS
Marianne Smith, WSOS Mini-Youth
Autumn Clouse,
Beth Hannam, Terra Community College
Cheryl Denny, WSOS
Jim Miranda, Sandusky County Chamber of Commerce
Lorean Richey, WSOS
Lisa Heyman, WSOS
Kendra Lease,
Kathleen Leitzzy, Fostoria City Schools
Lynn Tucker-Roberts,
Carol Owen, Sandusky County DJFS
Bev Henry, Seneca County DJFS
Suzanne Willacker, Seneca County DJFS
Ginger Jeffrey, Seneca County DJFS

Welcome

Ms. Hannum welcomed everyone.

Beth Hannam

Review of October 20, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Ms. Leitzzy
Second: Mr. Miranda

Beth Hannam

Youth Report

Ms. Quaintance passed out the Seneca and Sandusky reports. Sandusky County reports that they have exceeded their tutoring goals. Currently at 31% for the month of November for expenditure rates. Seneca County reports that tutoring and alternative schools are exceeding their goals, along with others. Currently at 37% for the month of November for expenditures. Ms. Quaintance stated they are currently doing marketing strategies to acquire more out of school youth. One of these marketing strategies is working with the bowling alley in Fostoria and Tiffin to recruit kids into the program.

Janet Quaintance

Mini Youth Council Report

Ms. Richey passed out the Youth Spot Light report for Sandusky County. She spoke of the youth spotlight, Jalena and the Instructor of the Month, Barb Chism.

**Marianne Smith/
Sara Williams**

Ms. Heyman reported on the Seneca County Youth Spot Light, John and spoke of Columbian High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Anway and the partnership to help keep youth on the path to success.

Ms. Quaintance announced that they have hired Erin Snook as a youth advocate. She will be receiving her degree in criminal justice in May 2005.

Ms. Heyman announced the newly elected officials for the U.O.O. and that they are meeting every other Wednesday. The U.O.O. hosted a Christmas party for the children of homeless families in Seneca County. They did several projects and each child received a stocking from Santa Claus.

The WIA Youth are currently reading to Headstart children as a mentoring program. WIA Youth receive incentives for helping mentor these children.

Older Youth sub-committee – The older youth sub-committee adopted a family for Christmas. They went shopping and delivered the Christmas presents to the children.

State Youth Council Meeting

Autumn Clouse

Ms. Clouse stated that the State Youth Council meeting was held on January 18, 2005. The following selection of youth goals were discussed to present to the Governor's Workforce Policy Board.

Long Term - Increase the number of career pathways for youth to earn a sustainable wage and system or community-wide changes in youth development system (integration of youth into the One-Stops and linking with employers to educate them on the system).

Short Term - Increase the number of all youth participating in career/technical and advanced training programs and increase the number of "neediest youth" recruited, trained and placed in employment.

Ms. Clouse stated that apprenticeship programs and their definitions were also discussed in length.

Many ODJFS handouts were distributed including a booklet distributed to youth to assist in the interviewing process.

Sue McKitrick was present to discuss certifications for the One-Stops and that in the future the youth piece will be reviewed with future certification. Currently there are 35 certified One-Stops with Bellfontaine being the most improved. Sue stated they are looking for the One-Stops to track referrals given to the partners. This will also be part of the future certification.

The Leadership summit will be held on March 9, 2005 at the Faucet Center in Columbus and the Building Better Opportunities Conference will be held on April 18-20, 2005.

Ms. Clouse announced a Foster Care and Tuition Reimbursement Program - FTV (Foster Tuition Voucher). This program will provide \$5000 per year if the child was emancipated from foster care at age 17 or 18 and/or adopted at 16. This reimbursement may be used for housing and other expenses if the youth has monies contributed elsewhere (grants, scholarships, etc.)

Youth Program Monitoring

Suzanne Willacker

Ms. Willacker stated that on January 7, 2005 youth monitoring/case reviews were done with WSOS. After receiving a report from the State, there were several areas that performance measures were and were not met. Ms. Owen held a meeting with Ms. Quaintance to discuss the performance measures that were not met and to create a plan on how to amend these measures. Ms. Quaintance stated they have an exit checklist they are now using to better track participants. They are also doing an excel tracking sheet to help keep track participants.

Old Business

Youth Resources Manual

Janet Quaintance

Ms. Willacker spoke of the three quotes received for the youth resource manual. After further discussion Mayor Hohman suggested the lowest bid be selected.

Motion: Mr. Miranda

Second: Ms. Tucker Roberts

Ms. Hannam suggested the rest of the available money for the youth be put on the agenda for discussion on letting the two youth groups use for upcoming projects.

New Youth Council Member

Cheryl Denny

Ms. Oliver stated she new a mother of a youth that could possibly be interested in joining the Youth Council. Ms. Oliver will report back at the next meeting.

New Business

Youth Council Members

Other

Ms. Clouse presented a pamphlet regarding grant monies for youth 16 or over who are or were in foster care or have been adopted by a foster family. The number for these pamphlets is 1-800-648-5478.

Next meeting -

Wednesday, April 20, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m. at the Sandusky County Department of Job and Family Services.

Future meetings -

July 20, 2005 at Seneca County DJFS at 3:00 p.m.

October 19, 2005 Sandusky County DJFS at 3:00 p.m.