

Region 7/61 Youth Council Agenda
Wed., July 20, 2005
Sandusky County Department of Job & Family Services
3:00 P.M.

Present: Cheryl Denny, Mayor Hohman, Kathleen Leitzzy, Suzanne Willacker, Beverly Henry, Ginger Jeffrey, Marianne Smith, Lorean Richey, Lisa Heyman, Jason Estep, Janet Quaintance, Erin Snook, Jeramia Green, Autumn Clouse, Carol Owen, Beth Hannam, Kathy Oliver, Cindy Bilby, Debbie McGrath

Welcome

Beth Hannam

Beth Hannam welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Review of April 20, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Beth Hannam

Beth Hannam asked for any additions or corrections to the April 20, 2005 minutes. There were none received. Motion to approve: Cheryl Denny

Second: Kathy Leitzzy

Youth Report

Janet Quaintance

Janet Quaintance handed out the Seneca and Sandusky reports. These reports showed the activities and goals for the In School Youth and Out of School Youth. Janet stated these reports are not the final numbers for the fiscal year.

Mini Youth Council Report

Marianne Smith

Younger Youth: Sandusky County

Marianne stated that the youth are volunteering at Kroger in Fostoria on July 29, 2005 for an ice-cream social to raise money for Easter Seals. The Youth will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. However, the ice cream social will be from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Younger Youth: Seneca County

Jeramia spoke of going to Camp Glenn for a leadership training. Erin Snook stated the youth also did some community service for a local funeral home by cleaning an apartment after the resident moved out.

State Youth Council Meeting

There has been no meeting held since the last Youth Council Meeting. Autumn Clouse has resigned from the State Youth Council. If anyone is interested in filling this vacancy, please contact Kathy Oliver at the Seneca County Department of Job and Family Services at (419) 447-5011.

Youth Program Monitoring

The monthly WSOS youth program monitoring continues. Since the April 20, 2005 Youth Council Meeting, program monitoring occurred May 5 and June 9, 2005. The June 9, 2005 monitoring also included the Annual Program Review.

Activity reports for each county were distributed. WSOS has exceeded the 30% year to date expenditure rate for out-of-school youth. New enrollment contract goals for in-school youth and out-of-school youth have also been met.

Credentials were discussed. A draft credential outline was received for review, but it appears that the definition of credential and what may be accepted as a credential may change with reauthorization. It is expected that only State recognized credentials will be accepted. Therefore, it was decided that the issue of local credentials be tabled until after reauthorization.

The Workforce Investment Act, Monitoring Guide for Program Year 2004 for Quality and Compliance was completed on June 9. There was 1 finding. Through review of case files, it was discovered that goals were not consistently established for all in-school and out-of-school youth in need of basic skills, work readiness and/or occupation skills training. Based on this finding a corrective action plan is required. The plan is to be submitted by July 28, 2005 and must include at a minimum, the items to be corrected, specific goals for corrections, specific plans to meet these goals and a time line for each goal/plan, not to exceed 60 days. If anyone would like a copy of the report to view, please contact Suzanne Willacker at (419) 447-5011 ext. 399.

Old Business

Youth Resource Manual

Janet Quaintance

Janet Quaintance stated that the Youth Resource Manual has been completed and handed out.

New Youth Council Members

Cheryl Denny

There still has been no parents selected to be apart of the Youth Council. If anyone has a suggestion, please let Cheryl Denny know. Sandusky County has approached Barby Chism with Vanguard and Rev. Richey with Greater St. James Church with regard to becoming members of the Youth Council to replace members who currently do not attend. The Youth Council agreed that both do have active involvement with youth and would be welcome additions to the Youth Council. If Ms. Chism and Rev. Richey agree to become members, a resolution will be done prior to the next meeting so that both will be voting members at that meeting.

New Business

Ideas for leftover grant money

Mini Youth Council Members

The Youth decided on attending Camp Glenn for a leadership training and doing a "Gallagher" type stress reliever by smashing fruits and vegetables that are uneatable given to them by local farmers. They also would like to bring in a motivational speaker. Lisa Heyman stated she was not having much luck finding a speaker that was in their price range. Bev Henry stated she will send Lisa Heyman information about a motivational speaker in Seneca County. Kathy Leitzzy also suggested speaking with Ruth Ann Musgrave for ideas. After further discussions, the members agreed to the suggestions of the youth spending the extra grant money.

Youth Contract**Carol Owen**

Carol stated that the Youth Contract has been renewed. Trainings have been scheduled with regard to these new measures and the information has been sent to Ms. Quaintance.

Common Measures for Performance**Carol Owen**

Carol stated there will be new performance measures coming down from the State. When the new measures are announced, there will be a training available.

Seneca County RFP's**Suzanne Willacker**

The proposals are currently being reviewed. The deadline for a decision is July 26, 2005.

Other**Youth Council Members**

Erin Snook passed around her newsletter and a scrapbook of activities the youth have been involved in. Ms. DeMoss did a documentary video of the youth and they will be using this as a marketing tool. A copy of the video will also be given to Seneca and Sandusky County DJFS.

Carol Owen stated that October will be elections for the Youth Council.

Mayor Hohman stated that he saw a presentation from Vanguard-Sentinel about youth. He was inquiring whether or not WSOS was involved in this program. Janet Quaintance stated that was the Gateway program, which she sits on the board. Some youth from WSOS have attended this program. However, all the youth are given an opportunity to enroll in this program.

Cindy Bilby stated she will be speaking to the two members of the Youth Council that have not been attending the meetings to see if they would like to be removed. If they are removed, new members will be added.

Next meeting - Wednesday, October 19, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m. in Sandusky County DJFS.