

MEMORANDUM



Date: October 5, 2010

From: Mr. Ron Coppernoll

To: Youth Council

Mr. Jeremy Brown
Ms. Darla Burton
Ms. Lynn Daniels
Mr. Steve Huth
Ms. Pam Jenson
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Mr. Walter Orzechowski
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RE: Youth Council Meeting Notice

October 13, 2010 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board Office
1370 N. Water Street, Platteville, Wisconsin

The next meeting of the Youth Council Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at the time and location noted above. The agenda for the meeting is included for your review.

All Youth Council Committee members are urged to attend the meeting. In the interest of time, please direct questions regarding any of the agenda items to Ron Coppernoll prior to the meeting. Mr. Coppernoll can be reached at r.coppernoll@swwdb.org or at (608) 342-4231.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Katie Gerhards at k.gerhards@swwdb.org or (608) 342-4220 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities with advance notice. Please contact Katie Gerhards at k.gerhards@swwdb.org or (608) 342-4220 at least two days prior to the meeting so reasonable accommodations can be made.

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

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1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

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AGENDA

1. **Fourth Quarter WIA Program Performance Report for Program Year 2009** – (Discussion)
The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) determines program performance and reports the information to the Department of Labor (DOL). DWD monitors performance throughout the year and provides quarterly reports. The fourth quarter report generally is a good indicator of final performance for the year.

For the fourth quarter Program Year (PY) 2009, SWWDB “Exceeded” four (4) of the performance measures, “Met” three (3) measures and “Failed” two (2). The two (2) failures occurred on the youth measures. **Enclosure 1** is a report showing a comparison of SWWDB performance to each of the other WDAs on each of the nine (9) performance measures.

Rhonda Suda will present the performance report data and provide interpretation and explanation. No action is required.

2. **Younger Youth Program Overview** – (Information)
Younger Youth Program services operated by the Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (SWWDB) are delivered by CESA #2, for Rock and Green counties, and CESA #3, for Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland counties. Pam Jenson and Mary Johannesen will present information relating to how they operate and the services their agencies provide to meet the needs of the Younger Youth in Southwest Wisconsin. They will discuss and answer questions relating to their clients and performance measures for their programs.

This is an informational item and no action will be required.

3. **Request for Proposals for Younger Youth Services** – (Discussion)
For PY 2010-11, SWWDB with the concurrence of the Youth Council, rolled over the contract with CESA #2 and CESA #3 to provide Younger Youth services. For Fiscal Year 2011-2012, SWWDB plans to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for PY 2011-12 for the delivery of workforce services to eligible Younger Youth in Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland and Rock counties.

The Youth Council will be asked for input on services to be included in the RFP based on information provided by the CESAs’ during their presentation. Annette Meudt, SWWDB Finance Director, will provide a brief summary of the RFP process and respond to questions.

4. **Update on WIA Reauthorization and Budget** – (Information)
There are a number of important issues facing federal congressional leaders yet this year. Among the outstanding items are the annual appropriation bills, including appropriations for the workforce system. However, concerns about the legislative process this month appear overshadowed by uncertainty

created by the midterm elections. As a result, the expected congressional agenda has been greatly reduced, with most of the legislative action pushed back to a post-election lame duck session of Congress that will commence in mid-November.

A Continuing Resolution (CR) was passed in September to keep the government operating through mid-November. Congress will then return after the elections for their lame duck session to focus on completing the appropriation bills. It is expected, these bills will be rolled into one giant "Omnibus" appropriations bill that will include each of the 12 appropriations bills, including Labor-HHS, which funds WIA programs. A vote on the extension of the Bush tax cuts is also expected during the lame duck session.

It will take significant negotiations between the parties to complete the appropriations process this year with another necessary CR expected to carry the government through December. There is a strong possibility that a third CR will be enacted to carry the government through early next year. If the appropriations process slips into next year, a new Congress would need to complete action on the appropriations bills. This would greatly complicate the ability of the leadership of either party to complete the appropriations process, as the bills would need to be reintroduced in the new Congress and there will be the potential for re-litigating parts of the bills to reflect the majority party's priorities, thereby bogging down the process. If Republicans regain control of Congress they have promised significant cuts in domestic programming, going back to PY 2008 funding levels.

It is hoped that Congress will act on the current bills as it affects WIA. There is a slight funding increase in both bills above current funding levels, largely because of the inclusion of the President's requested WIA Innovation Fund which will provide funding for competitive grants advancing promising workforce practices. WIA formula programs are funded at current funding levels, providing funding stability for the year to come. The major difference between the bills is the House's inclusion of \$250 million dedicated to summer jobs, which was not in the Senate's bill. Resolution of this issue will largely be determined by how much overall funding will be available in the Labor-HHS portion of the Omnibus bill.

Negotiations on reauthorization of WIA have moved more slowly than expected and it appears likely that any reauthorization bill will be passed into the new Congress. In the House, Democratic leaders have indicated they would like to have a WIA reauthorization bill early next year and tie reauthorizing WIA as part of economic recovery. If Republicans win control, expect to see a WIA bill that continues a strong business-led, locally delivered workforce system. Regardless of who controls the next Congress, expect there to be very narrow majorities, requiring the parties to work together in order to enact legislation.

5. New Certified Nursing Assistant Regulation – (Information)

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) issued a regulation, that went into effect July 19, 2010, which prohibits employees under the age of 18 "from operating, tending . . . working from, repairing, servicing, or disassembling a crane, derrick, elevator, hoist or high lift truck." DOL has confirmed that mechanical lifts used for lifting and transferring the elderly in nursing homes and assisted living facilities fall within that prohibition. Regulations also prohibit employees under the age of 18 from tending the equipment, which includes assisting in the hoist tasks being performed.

This rule will have devastating consequences on Wisconsin's highly successful youth workforce programs as cited in a letter from Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) secretary Roberta Gassman sent to DOL. A copy of Secretary Gassman's letter is attached as **Enclosure 2**.

Ron Coppernoll will discuss the impact of this regulation on training opportunities for participants in Younger Youth programs and respond to questions.

6. **Career 101 Grant** – (Information)

This project will have a positive impact on WIA eligible youth by providing teachers with the tools to equip WIA eligible youth with 21st Century Skills. This will hopefully keep them from becoming dislocated workers in the future, as they will learn the skills it takes to adapt to an ever-changing work world. The students will be given leadership training and asked to play an important leadership role with the project. Also, by combining the School Counselor Model with the WIA Youth Comprehensive Guide, students will identify their own area of interest and learn how that interest can be turned into a career. By enhancing skills and interests, WIA eligible youth will enter the post-secondary world better prepared. Darla Burton will provide a brief summary of the Career 101 Grant, how it will be used and respond to questions.

7. **Business and Education Summit – 2010** – (Information)

Schools face an unprecedented number of challenges as they prepare students for a rapidly evolving and changing future. A major challenge is the impact the digital world will have on students. Technology and new skill demands of the 21st Century are challenging education to adjust and come up with new ways to keep instruction engaging and relevant.

The Business and the Education Summit – 2010 will look at some of the forces that are shaping the world of the 21st Century and will look at eight (8) key components of a new way to teach students. This conference will be held at the Mineral Point Quality Inn (formerly Comfort Inn) Conference Room on November 8, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This annual conference is open to anyone interested in learning more about the future and how education can respond to workforce and job skill demands in the future. You may register on-line at: www.cesa3.k12.wi.us.

Darla Burton and Mary Johannesen will answer questions relating to the benefits of this conference for Youth Council members.

8. **Other Topics for Discussion**

9. **Adjournment**