



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development
Youth Council
Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 10:00am
Minutes (No Quorum)**

• **Roll Call:**

<u>X</u> Chris Gregg, Chair	_____ Mike Woods, Vice-Chair	_____ Cynthia Erickson
_____ Heidi Frost	_____ Noelle Hardt	<u>X</u> Barbara Hunt
_____ Barbara Henjum	<u>X</u> Melissa Hill	<u>X</u> Andre Layral
_____ Taber Rehbaum	_____ Ruth Schoenleben	

- Ex-officio: _____ Diedre Bailey

Note: Roll call was taken at 10:10am – **No quorum**, business could not be conducted.

Guests

Carol Schumacher, Program Coordinator Youth First Program, DOLWD/DBP
Mike Shiffer, Assistant Director, DOLWD/DBP

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes - Minutes from September 1, 2010

Action Items

1. AWIB Calendar Change (quarterly meetings)

Chair Gregg informed the council that the AWIB voted for the Youth Council to only meet quarterly in 2011. The first Wednesday of January, April, August and November. He stated that was not sufficient for the council considering the work that needed to be done. He will work with Barbara and Vice Chair Mike Woods to work out a schedule.

Discussion Items

1. Youth First Presentation – Carol Schumacher

Carol gave the background of the Youth First Program. This included high growth initiatives, career awareness, and use of general fund monies. The program originally started with only 4 grants. Now 16 grants exist for 2011. She and Mike Shiffer spoke regarding the creation of Career Guides, Teacher Externships and their outcomes. They shared success stories and gave a synopsis of the 'YES' Youth Employability Skills program and their outcomes. A brief description of a site titled 'Wiki' was given which has been established as a communication site for Alaska Youth First grantees, in particular, Career Guides.

Andre Layral stated the Alaska Principal Foundation in partnership with BP has five \$12,000 scholarships to award. To date they have only received one application. This is for a two year program in process technology. He feels perhaps the word hasn't been disseminated efficiently. He asked for more information on the Wiki website. Mike Shiffer and Carol stated they will send him the information via email.



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2. AWIB Executive Committee Retreat Results – Chris Gregg
3. AWIB Fairbanks Meeting Update – Chris Gregg

Chair Gregg stated he delivered the Youth Council's priority list to the AWIB. This priority list of concerns was determined during the Face to Face meeting in August. They were very receptive.

WIA Updates

1. Mike Shiffer – Division of Business Partnerships
 - a. Common Measures

Mike gave a historical overview of common measures. He said to change their data collection system to give the feds what they wanted was too costly. In the meantime ALEXsys (Alaska Labor Exchange System) was upgraded and it appeared the data could come from that system. There are currently 17 measures and DBP is negotiating with the feds to reduce the number down to 8 measures. This way they can focus on three areas 1) placement in employment or education; 2) attainment of degree or certificate; 3) advance of two academic years. There is an online public notice submitted October 14, 2010 for 'Public Comment of Waiver Request' if anyone would like to review it.

- b. High concentration of Eligible Youth Grants

There are three sources of funding for eligible youth grants. They are adult, dislocated worker, and youth. A fourth source is available from the Governor's Reserve account which is 15% of the adult, dislocated worker, and youth allocations. These are discretionary funds and \$300,000 was set aside. Sixteen grantees qualified for these extra funds due to the services they provide.

- c. Exemplary Performance of the Mat-Su Borough School District in the WIA Youth Program

Matsu-Borough School District received an award of \$30,000 from the Governor's Reserve, discretionary funds, for exceeding all common measures. To receive this award they had to score better than 110% for each common measure. They have an outstanding program and are excellent in creating partnerships in their community and using community resources. There is no application process to receive this award.

Other Items

Mike Shiffer stated Division of Business Partnerships wants the Youth Council's help in three areas:

- 1) Participate in the development of the annual report for youth programs. DBP wants this to go to the YC for involvement prior to the Assessment and Evaluation Committee's review.
- 2) Participate in the development of the WIA Plan dedicated to youth services.
- 3) Participate in the coordination of youth services statewide. How to coordinate the programs and establish structured linkages.

Any YC member wishing to be involved in any of these categories should send their email request to Chair Gregg or AWIB Staff Barbara Duval.



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Next meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 10:00am