



**NORTH DAKOTA  
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA  
1601 EAST CENTURY AVENUE  
BISMARCK, ND 58501**

**AGENDA  
May 22, 2014  
10:00 am – Noon**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	
10:00 am	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and Introductions</li><li>• Admin announcements</li><li>• Review and approve agenda</li><li>• Review and approve November 6, 2013 minutes</li></ul>	Dave Ellingson
10:10 am	Director's Message <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting Attendance</li><li>• Youth Council membership</li></ul>	Susan Gunsch
10:20 am	Agency Reports and Workforce Training updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Job Service ND</li><li>• Career and Technical Education</li><li>• Department of Public Instruction</li></ul>	Ruth Lacher Wayne Kutzer Valerie Fischer
10:50 am	Youth Program Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vocational Rehabilitation</li></ul>	Barbara Burghart
11:00 am	ND Youth Office	Jescia Sigh
11:15 am	True North Solutions, Child and Adolescent Mental & Behavioral Health Therapy	Bonnie Engel
11:35 am	Registered Apprenticeship	Barry Dutton
11:50 am	Working Lunch - Council Member Highlights and Discussion	



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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tim Eissinger, Russ Cusack, Dave Ellingson, Kent Ellis, Mark Heinert, Deb Kunkel, Wayne Kutzer, Ruth Lacher, Cheryl Penny, Travis Rau, Penny Hetletved.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Leo Cummings, Patty Allery, Andrea Olson, Debbie Painte

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan Gunsch

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Barbara Burghart, Jescia Sigh, Bonnie Engel, Barry Dutton, Valerie Fischer

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tammy Barstad

**CALL TO ORDER** (Susan Gunsch)  
Welcome and Introductions

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Wayne Kutzer motioned to approve the agenda as presented.  
Kent Ellis seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tim Eissinger motioned to approve the November 6, 2013 minutes as presented.  
Ruth Lacher seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Director's Message** (Susan Gunsch) reviewed Youth Council membership roster. Council needs a Youth representative. Reappointment acceptance documents will be sent to the Governor's office. Reviewed meeting attendance sheet.

**Agency Reports and Workforce Training Updates**

**Job Service ND:** (Ruth Lacher)

- Workforce Investment Act performance measures are being negotiated and the performance report outlined results of first six months of the year, ending December 31, 2013. The report outlined Entered Employment Rate, Employment Retention Rate, and Average Earnings for Older and Younger Youth.
- Summer Work Experience program is open to Younger Youth ages 14-18 and Older Youth ages 19-21. Additional funds will be available July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Career and Technical Education:** (Wayne Kutzer)

Reviewed report:

- The annual report was reviewed. CTE student concentrators demonstrate higher achievement rates in reading and math and higher graduation rates than statewide high school students.

**Department of Public Instruction:** (Valerie Fischer)

- Reported on the Adult Education program and Safe & Healthy Schools.
- GED Testing Service rolled out a new series on January 1, 2014 and is aligned to the common core. About 300 New Americans seek services through the Adult Learning Centers each year.
- Writing proposals for two grants that would infuse \$13.7 million if approved. One is through the Department of Education and will create a system to recognize kids in crisis in a timely manner, training teachers to recognize kids in crisis for referral, not to diagnose or treat. The other is through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMSHA) and will focus on the family addressing mental health. The hope is to demystify mental health and move toward emotional wellness.

**Youth Program Presentations**

**Vocational Rehabilitation:** (Barbara Burghart)

- Provided an overview of programs. Summer Work Experience is rolling out, candidates must be a VR client and be a junior or above in high school. The teacher internship project includes seven teachers who will spend three days in Bismarck, developing partnerships between agencies. Project Search involves businesses in Bismarck and Fargo for students with mental health disabilities to complete three internships within a year. The Promise Grant (5 year grant) wraps services around students as young as 14 years of age so they are not dependent solely on social security disability insurance.

**ND Youth Office:** (Jescia Sigh)

- Reported the website is receiving over 1600 visits, there is an established facebook page, and a monthly enewsletter.
- Operation Intern has two spots left. The program involves 109 companies with 45 new businesses. 82 students have been hired full time. Eight months into this biennium the funds are fully obligated.

**True North Solutions, Child and Adolescent Behavioral & Mental Health Therapy:** (Bonnie Engel)

- Accepts clients 21 years of age and younger. The challenge is to affect and change the whole family unit as a living breathing unit. Shared information on brain development, impacts of trauma.

**Registered Apprenticeships:** (Barry Dutton)

- Provided an overview of the program. Apprenticeships are funded through the Workforce Investment Act, Operation Intern, and other methods. Apprenticeships require a set number of hours and training depending on the occupation. A stipend is available for Veterans through the Veteran's Administration for training. Apprenticeships in North Dakota have almost tripled in number since 2006. Youth must be hired into an apprenticeship program to receive training. Few apprenticeships are available for youth under 18 years of age due to safety regulations.

Adjourn 12:53 pm