

Workforce Development
June 15th 2011

PRESENT: Kyle Erickson, Paula Frings, Jaci David, Mary Kosak, Lisa Randall, Beth Johnson, Jessica Knutson

STAFF: Kerry Larsen & Bud Stone

Kyle Erickson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2011 MINUTES:

Beth Johnson made a motion to accept the May 2011 minutes; Kyle Erickson seconded Motion carried.

ACTION: No further action needed.

TEENWORKS OVERNIGHT EVENT:

Paula updated the committee members regarding the ICC overnight event. Paula will update the committee as this event has been confirmed and the details worked out.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

BOLD EXCHANGES:

Paula wanted each committee member to bring ideas and suggestions to the August meeting. Paula would like to start building the structure of the bold exchanges might consist of. This type of conversation between employees, schools and employers could be a huge communication fulfillment for the Workforce Committee.

ACTION: The committee members will bring ideas and suggestions to the August meeting and Paula will start to structure these meetings.

COMMITTEE LARGER ROLE IN PUBLIC POLICY:

The committee discussed becoming more involved in Public Policy. After a brief discussion the committee decided this could be a huge asset to the committee. The Public Policy involvement will be considered as needed.

ACTION: Kyle Erickson made a motion to "play a larger role in public policy when it's related to the workforce and education issues". Lisa Randall seconded; Motion carried.

FELONY ISSUE:

The committee members felt starting the discussion on the "felony" issue would be a good topic. Someone that has had a felony in their past may have a difficult time finding jobs. This could be a mistake someone made twenty years ago. Were they a young teenager? Did the person make poor choice years ago? The committee members thought this would be a great topic to start talking to business owners and the younger generation about. Young adults need to know how a mistake can affect their future. Bud mentioned that maybe having a judge come and talk to the Workforce Committee would be a great idea on how this viewed and what the Minnesota Law is. Bud also mentioned that a great luncheon speaker would be someone that could talk about these felony issues. Educating the public regarding felonies and how they can affect the workforce is very important.

ACTION: Discussion will take place more at the August meeting.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

- WFD Readiness Plan
- Coe's in the classrooms
- Future Workers
- Enhanced communications
- Funding

ACTION: No further action is needed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be August 17th 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in the Chamber Conference Room. NO July meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by Kerry Larsen, Membership & Tourism Coordinator