

**Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County  
Youth Committee Meeting**

Thursday, November 17, 2022, 3:00-4:00 PM

**Members Present**

Tom Aasheim  
Breanna Galuska  
Karen Gerdin  
Mary Sue Hansen  
Hyon Kim  
Paul Nikstad  
Sheri Riemers

**Members Absent**

Shaina Abraham-EA  
Jennifer Germain-EA  
Gaye Adams Massey

**Staff/Guests Present**

Ling Becker, Workforce Solutions  
Kristi Cobbs, Workforce Solutions  
Regina Edmisten, Change Inc.  
Mariann Macalus, Workforce Solutions  
Brad Mahr, Workforce Solutions  
Rebecca Milbrandt, Workforce Solutions  
Rachael Molenaar, Workforce Solutions

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**Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Nikstad called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. Nikstad read the land acknowledgement aloud.

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**Approval of September & October Minutes**

**Motion (Aasheim/Galuska) to approve the September 15, 2022, and October 11, 2022, Youth Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by chat vote.**

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**Youth Program Provider Spotlight: Change Inc.**

Edmisten shared information and services about Change Inc. Change Inc. is a result of a merger of two community-based organizations, Guadalupe Alternative Programs and Change Inc., both originally founded to serve at-risk, underserved individuals and address the challenges of systemic poverty and racism that present Twin Cities families from achieving their full potential. They provide individualized education that attends to the social and emotional needs of students, including mental health services and basic needs resources. Their work is divided into three key programs: GAP School, the Community & School Collaborative and the Change Institute. Change Inc. is partnering with the Drivers' License Academy. Cobbs shared that a third of the Drivers' License referrals have come from Change Inc.

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**Saint Paul Public Schools Career Pathways Update**

Galuska shared information on the Districtwide Career Pathways Programs. All 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders are supported in completing Career Seminar, in earning industry certifications, in finding a first job or internship, and have access to foundational career-related coursework at their home high school. She explained the components of the Career Pathways, offering multiple entry points for students which increases equity and access.

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**Director Updates:**

- *Youth and Young Adult Provider Convening:* Becker shared information about a Youth Partnering Convening session on November 30 at Arlington Hills Community Center. This convening is the result of the Brookings Institute that people want to build relationships/connections to have more coordination and alignment.
- *Networking/Info Event at 3M Advanced Training Center:* Becker shared that the Workforce Innovation Board (WIB) is partnering with the St. Paul Area Chamber on a networking event for the St. Paul Public Schools Districtwide Career Pathways Program on January 25, 2023, from 3:30p to 5:00p. Discussion around the need for outreach to connect with small businesses. Committee members are welcome to attend both events.

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**Committee Work Plan/Project Updates**

- *Action Plan Strategies Status Update:* Becker provided a status update on the action plan strategies for this committee. One item that this Committee should discuss in January is more youth involvement.
- *WIOA Youth Dashboard:* Mahr provided a summary of the data from April 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022, noting that there was an increase in all age groups in served participants.
- *PY21 WIOA Final Youth Performance:* Molenaar provided a summary of the performance measures for program year April 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022. The data was certified in September 2022 by the Department of Labor. Comparison statistics were provided for Hennepin/Carver and Minneapolis. Ramsey/St. Paul is in line with others as to numbers served and demographics. The measurable skills

outcome is a new performance outcome in the last three years and was challenging during the pandemic. When reviewing the data, keep in mind the numbers served and exited which can swing the percentages.

- *PY21 WIOA and MYP Monitoring Report*: Molenaar shared that the State monitored our programming/fiscals, which resulted in no areas of concern nor corrective actions needed. Thanks to the vendors for their hard work.

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### **2023 Committee Meeting Schedule**

Nikstad shared the 2023 proposed virtual meeting schedule. Meetings will continue virtually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every odd-number month.

**Motion (Hansen/Galuska) to approve the 2023 Youth Committee Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion carried by chat vote.**

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### **Committee Member Updates and Other**

- Milbrandt shared that the support for this committee is being transferred to Mahr.
- Kim thanked everyone for their support, stating everyone was great.
- Cobbs shared the YouthWorks is hosting a Safe Harbor Training for youth workers on Tuesday, November 22, from 9a to 10a. This is an overview on Minnesota's response to sexually exploited youths and resources available.
- Galuska shared a link to the Office of College and Career Readiness (OCCR) partnership page, which is under development.
- Nikstad did a shout out to Aasheim for the recent opportunity of a great outcome of four apprentices.
- Aasheim shared that it is National Apprenticeship Week and the great events happening this week. Kudos to those women who have joined the ranks.

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### **Adjourn**

Upon completion of the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm.

**Next Meeting:** January 19, 2023, 3:00-4:00pm via Zoom