

Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County

Special Youth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 3:00-4:00 PM

Members Present

Tom Aasheim
Breanna Galuska
Jennifer Germain
Mary Sue Hansen
Hyon Kim
Paul Nikstad

Members Absent

Shaina Abraham-EA
Karen Gerdin
Gaye Adams Massey
Sheri Riemers

Staff/Guests Present

Ling Becker, Workforce Solutions
Mariann Macalus, Workforce Solutions
Brad Mahr, Workforce Solutions
Rebecca Milbrandt, Workforce Solutions
Rachael Molenaar, Workforce Solutions

Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

Chair Nikstad called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Nikstad read the land acknowledgement aloud.

Brookings Transforming Cities Lab Visit Recap

Becker shared that the county and the city of Saint Paul, along with the cities of Detroit and Cleveland, are participating in the Brookings Metro Transforming Cities Lab (TCL) to help leaders leverage federal funds to promote experimentation and piloting of new ideas and practices through a series of meetings and educational sessions. She summarized the September 7 Brookings site visit which also included meetings with local youth and young adult employment service providers, program funders and entrepreneurship stakeholders. There is now an opportunity to connect this work back to this committee to sustain these conversations and ensure movement together is in the right direction. Molenaar gave a summary of who is funding youth workforce programing in Ramsey County. She also shared the takeaways from the provider survey and the challenges and strengths identified by the providers and shared how to prepare young people for jobs and careers. There is a leadership networking event scheduled for November 30 at Arlington Hills Community Center from 3-4:30pm. This is a chance for local youth and young adult employment professionals to connect with each other. Becker shared that the city of St. Paul is providing ongoing supervisory training for young people. Also, Workforce Solutions is creating a “workforce orientation” to understand the general overlay of the youth workforce system. There are a lot of opportunities for this committee to promote more events, such as networking events.

Other

Galuska shared information about Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) and Right Track collaboration to provide spring internships to SPPS students

Hansen shared information on the Financial Health and Wealth Creation Resource Fair scheduled for October 12, from 5-7:30pm via Zoom, which is an opportunity to learn about ways to start a career and gain financial stability. This is a collaboration between community service providers, employers and families/caregiver, youth and young adults.

Adjourn

Upon completion of the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2022, 3:00-4:00pm via Zoom