

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOUTH COUNCIL

Man-Tra-Con Corporation
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MINUTES September 9, 2009

Members Present: Sheila Ahlgren, Steve Buntin, June Hickey (via conference call), Terance Henry, Ethel Holladay, Kathy Lively, Lisa Price, and Tyler Young

Members Absent: Bryan Cross and Joe Davis

Others Present: Roxanne Brewer-Coffey, Stephanie Castellano, and Bob Hopkins

Call to Order: Chairperson Young called the meeting to order at the Marion Man-Tra-Con office at 4:06 p.m. on September 9, 2009.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Buntin to accept the minutes from the August 12, 2009, meeting and was seconded by Ms. Holladay. The motion carried.
- II. **Orders of the Day:**
 - A. **Summer Works Update:** Ms. Brewer-Coffey updated the Council about the Summer Works program. The Summer Works program is still continuing to conduct mass intakes, mass orientations, youth are still being placed at worksites, and post assessments are being administered, all being done simultaneously. Since the last meeting, 40 participants went through orientation for the Fair, and 32 of them finished the 10-day 12-hour shift work stint at the Du Quoin State Fair. Of those, 23 are being placed at a second worksite for an additional six weeks. Thirty-five participants have been closed out of SW services; 30 are transferring back to year-round youth services.

On August 31, DCEO Director Warren Ribley was here for Workforce Development Week. The day began at John A. Logan College Man-Tra-Con Transition Center, and then travelled to Kindling Spirits, a Summer Works worksite, for lunch. The group was joined by representatives from additional worksites and their youth participants, such as Baker and Sons Plumbing, City of Carbondale, and the Science Center. The worksite supervisors introduced their youth participants and gave a brief synopsis of their youths' Summer Works experience. The group then travelled to the Du Quoin State Fair where youth participants engaged in a photo opportunity with Director Ribley. As a side note, on the day prior, Ms. Kathy Lively received a phone call requesting Summer Works youth to participate in a photo opportunity with Governor Pat Quinn at the Du Quoin State Fair. The day ended at the Du Quoin Man-Tra-Con Family Opportunity Center where the group was joined by several more worksite representatives such as, City of Pinckneyville, Perry County Clerk's Office, and Jefferson County Business Development Corporation. The worksite supervisors introduced their youth participants and relayed some great stories of how the youth have overcome many barriers. Director Ribley was very pleased with the Summer Works program and with his visit.

At the same time, the Summer Works program was being monitored. The monitoring was specific to the eligibility determination process and the Du Quoin State Fair as a summer worksite. This was the second monitoring the Summer Works program has undergone. There were no findings and the monitor said the program was “*well executed and a fine example of a well-run summer program*”.

- B. Year Round Contractors’ Reports:** Chairperson Young requested comments or questions regarding the Year Round Contractors’ Reports; there were none. A motion was made by Ms. Price to approve the Year Round Contractors’ Reports and was seconded by Ms. Holladay. The motion carried.
- C. Matters from the Floor:** Ms. Brewer-Coffey informed the Youth Council of the Year Round Contractors’ concerns about reaching the required 50% enrollment by September 30, 2009. The Youth Council wishes this to still remain a goal; however, the contractors will not be penalized if that goal is not met. The goal of 75% by December 31st is the most critical and the Youth Council requests the contractors strive to reach this goal.
- D. Next Meeting Time and Place:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2009, at the Marion Man-Tra-Con office beginning at 4:00 p.m. A call-in number will continue to be offered as an option for those members unable to physically attend the session.
- E. Adjournment:** Chairperson Young adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.