



EMPLOY MILWAUKEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Youth Committee

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

1:30pm-3:00pm.

Via Zoom Technology

MINUTES

Committee Approval 2/9/22

Members: Deshea Agee, Karen (Burns) Sotak, Jolene Cooley, Jakeim Jackson- Bell, David Knutson, Sharlen Moore, Gerard Randall, Silvia Swan, Chee Thao

Members Absent: Christie Bevin, Chytania Brown, Dr. Keith Posley

Guests: None

Employ Milwaukee Staff: Vanesa Carmona-Lewis, Julie Cayo, Suzanne Reinstein, Carrie Hersh, Dereya Pederson, Sharron Briggs

Sharlen Moore called meeting to order at 1:30pm.

1. Youth Committee

a. *Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2021, Youth Committee meeting*

Members briefly reviewed and discussed **August 11, 2021, meeting minutes.**

Tracey Luber motioned for approval of minutes from August, 11, 2021, and Brian Levins seconded; meeting minutes approved unanimously.

2. Agenda Item 3 a: Compete Milwaukee

Sharlen Moore: Questioned asked was about the CDL prep class? **Vanesa Carmona-Lewis** We're providing CDL permit prep class. The CDL book is very thick, so we're providing a prep class for the permit test for the guidance and support, so they can pass the test. Students will use this book as a reference.

3. **Agenda Item 4: Youth Committee Members Update**? Does anyone have any highlights or updates they need to share? **Vanesa Carmona-Lewis:** Updates we as employ Milwaukee have put a bid for a

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virtual platform. We receive some proposals. We're hoping the platforms can help us in many ways. The biggest one is the Earn & Learn program, with Earn & Learn we started to prepare for next year. We still don't have full details on the funding, by the time we have our next meeting in February, we will have a slide giving you an update. We did get a chance to cement it, at the end of this year in proposal for Brighter Future in January. **Sharlen Moore:** Vanesa can you briefly share what you all submitted in the that proposal? Was it just around workforce development or was it catered toward a specific demographic? **Vanesa Carmona-Lewis:** From my understanding it's like the current Brighter Future. Suzy, can you share a couple points? Suzy: It's like what we submitted 3 years ago. It's up to 3 years after each year that the proposals must be renewed each year. The age is for ages 14-21 each for Brighter Future. We put an end to the Boys & Girls club. **Karen (Burns) Sotak:** We are working for the month of November with the CDL driving vendors to get people trained & out in the workforce. The job Fair for truck driving is coming up in December. A lot of people we're trying to get through the program really need experience. It's just the idea of them getting done with the training. I'll get the flyers out for the truck driving Job fair. If anybody needs any information on Truck Driving, CDL, or Health Classes please send me an email. And I'll get you connected to the right person. **Sharlen Moore:** Karan, is this connected with the 26, 27-year-olds? Can we still forward them that info? **Karen (Burns) Sotak:** Yes, we also work with the adult & dislocated workers. If we can't serve them in other funding streams. **Sharlen Moore:** Will that information be shared? **Karen (Burns) Sotak:** We're working on the marketing materials also we work a lot with the Milwaukee Facebook groups. For example, Milwaukee resources. **Jakeim Jackson-Bell:** Do you know of any other groups shared on Facebook? Karen: We post on 15 different places on Facebook and on placement sites. **Jakeim Jackson-Bell:** Is it possible for you to share the names from Facebook? Via email? **Karen (Burns) Sotak:** Sure, I'll connect you. We do it on our own personal Facebook page. **Jakeim Jackson-Bell:** For starters will it look up jobs? **Silvia Swan:** We have 110 students & 70 on campus ages 16-24. We are currently looking for CVF, Welders, Cooks, & Custodians.

Agenda Item 5: Other Are there any committee requests? How does everyone feel about the committee meetings? **Sharlen Moore:** I appreciate getting a phone call a day before, besides the email making sure there's a recommitment. If there's a timeline to see what commitments are for the next year. **Vanesa Carmona-Lewis:** I can send out an email to the youth committee & include dates for next year if approved. Next year Youth Committee Meetings: February 9th, 2022, May 11th, 2022, August 10th, 2022, and November 2, 2022.

Silvia Swan moved to motion for approval for next year's minutes 1st Karen Burns Sotak 2nd Sharlen Moore. Approved

Next Program Committee meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2022, at 9:00a.m. -10:30a.m.

Next Board of Directors meeting is December 9, 2021, at 8:30a.m.-10:00a.m.