

**Minneapolis Youth Council Meeting**  
**November 29, 2012**  
**East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS), Minneapolis**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Craig Vana, Chair  
Linda Tkaczik  
Cate Smith Edlund  
Phillip Gray

Mary Abrahamson  
Harvey Rucker  
Laura Beeth  
Linda Vang

**Craig Vana** called the meeting to order

**Jazmin Danielson**, ESNS Youth Director & WIA Program Supervisor, welcomed the group and talked about ESNS's programs. After the meeting, Jazmin gave Youth Council members a tour of ESNS and the Menlo Park Academy Alternative School which is connected to ESNS.

**Teresa Harrold's Report**

Teresa pointed out that ESNS was named WIA METP Employment Partner of the Year award in 2012. Teresa also introduced two new Youth Council members, Laura Beeth (Fairview Health Services) and Mary Abrahamson (Minneapolis Public Housing Authority).

- Year Round WIA 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grades: All of the agencies are doing well. Grades for the two new providers (DEED: North Minneapolis Workforce Center and the Minneapolis Urban League will appear in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Grades Report. DEED has increased the outcome measures for YR WIA.
- Year Round WIA @ MPS: Students receive a stipend of up to \$60/month. MPS received \$35K for the program from METP.
- METP Youth Staff: Anne Fischer's duties have been taken over by Linda DeHaven, Teresa Harrold and Marie Larson.

**Tammy Dickinson's Report**

- The 2012 STEP-UP report was handed out
- The STEP-UP pages on the METP website are being revamped to make them more user friendly and will include a resource page or link.
- A STEP-UP rebrand is occurring with the help of STEP-UP partners and the Mayor.
  - A new logo has been created
  - A new brochure that will encompass all of the STEP-UP components
- A CLASS evaluation is being conducted with youth who have already attended their first year of CLASS. They are asked what they found valuable in CLASS and what they would like to see.
- 2013 STEP-UP Applications will be available starting December 17 and will be strictly on-line. All schools will get the information. Special efforts are being made to ensure that all students will have access to application help and computers. STEP-UP emailed 200 agencies to find partners to help. A map of application help sites will be available on the website. There is also a helpline.
- Employer Recruitment: Private sector and nonprofit Explore beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December and nonprofit Discover later in December.

**Pat Behrend's Report**

- Teen Job Fair: March 23 at the Central Library in downtown Minneapolis. Approximately 1,000 youth and 30 organizations offering work, internships, employment training and volunteer experiences are expected at this seventh year annual event. A joint letter from Mayor Rybak and County Commissioner Opat will be sent to employers.
- Minneapolis PARTNERS for Youth conference planning is underway with partners Hennepin County Social Services, Hennepin County Library, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB), Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board and the Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support. The date has not been set but will occur between late February and mid-March.
- A Youth Council Orientation Packet was shared.

**Next meeting:** January 23, location TBA

“The Youth Council Provides Leadership to Grow Tomorrow’s Workforce.”