



Youth Council Meeting  
October 8, 2014• 3:00–5:00  
Bangor Savings Bank, Eames Learning  
Center, Bangor Maine

Members in attendance:

Nicole Fletcher, Chair; Denise Smith, EMDC; Jeff Robinson, MEARNG; Karen Smith, Brewer Housing Authority; Melissa Harvey, Penobscot Job Corps; Aleigh Suffern, EMDC (guest); Jason Alymer, EMDC(guest); Angela Oechsle, TCWIB program assistant; and Joanna Russell, TCWIB executive director.

- I. Chair Fletcher called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. Members introduced themselves.

- II. **July 9, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed.**

MOTION: Denise Smith made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Melissa Harvey. Motion carried.

- III. **Recap Oct. 2 Board Development**

TCWIB executive director recapped the recent board development workshop and strategy sessions which took place on October 2, 2014 at the Katahdin Region Higher Education and Training Center in East Millinocket.

Both the Aroostook & Washington Workforce Investment Board (Area 1) and the Tri County Workforce Investment Board (Area 2) met in separate morning sessions to hear relevant Labor Market Information on their region presented by Ruth Pease, Center for Workforce Research and Information (CWRI). Service providers also presented material on current programs and practices. MDOL's Joan Dolan presented information on apprenticeships and Ginny Carroll discussed new WIOA legislation changes. Finally, the individual boards brainstormed local priorities and areas of focus before breaking for lunch.

During lunch both boards came together and divided into six smaller mixed workgroups in order to identify projects and initiatives that all five counties can work collaboratively together on in the future and how to address challenges.

- IV. **EMDC Youth Program Update**

EMDC's Denise Smith gave a report on the current youth enrolled, performance outcomes for the quarter as well as updates on Career Compass and outreach/recruitment efforts. It was explained that this last quarter there has been greater emphasis to the on boarding of new youth career advisors Jason and Aleigh. Current outreach efforts are more focused and strategically coordinated. Next meeting the team will present a summary snapshot of activities.

**V. SWIB Younger Workers Committee**

A brief discussion about the Maine State Workforce Investment Board's Younger Workers Committee occurred. Denise is the chair of the committee made up of individuals from all across the state, meeting once every other month.

Update: Denise sent supplemental information on the committee via email after the meeting. Read appendage online:

[http://www.tricountywib.org/image\\_upload/SWIB%20YWC%20attachment.pdf](http://www.tricountywib.org/image_upload/SWIB%20YWC%20attachment.pdf)

**VI. EPIC Maine Discussion**

In order to plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual EPIC Maine, we will need to begin preparations now for **April 9, 2015**. Discussion about forming small subcommittee and holding one meeting soon of the larger full planning committee occurred. Angela will confirm that the date does not conflict with vacation breaks.

Nikki and Melissa volunteered to co-chair the business outreach/recruitment subcommittee.

SFC Robinson will ask if we can host the event on the National Guard base.

**VII. Next steps / Action items**

Joanna will reach out to the EPIC Maine Planning Committee to see who is on board and when we can schedule our first meeting. Sub committees will need to be assembled and begin meeting as well.

Nikki will ask if one or more BSB marketing employees would want to volunteer for the marketing committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.