

WFD Meeting

4/7/2010

Attendees: Michael Hayden, Maureen Gamache, Tricia Harrity, Jessica Callahan, Susan Houlihan, Lori Hart, Kathy M. Trister, William Terry Brown, Tracie Borden, Lynee Palleria

❖ % of residents in Wtby with college degree.

- Feel it would be difficult to affect graduation rate, also several ways of determining grad. rate
- Consider using some of the assets
- Send out list that indicates % for each asset area.

Goal D:

Ensure youth ready with job skills needed to achieve.

Know How to Go

Susan: WYSS= grant update- 2nd time (wasn't originally funded) applied- supplement to WYSS current after school programming.

AHEC: 2 separate proposals

WYSS: 1st generation college going youth not as easy for them to know how to fill out FASFA.
TA to supplement existing programs.

Both groups applying for same grant.

➤ Send Trish and Susan developmental assets questions.

- Where can youth view tuition reimbursement info (college)
- Use Wilby HS Juniors, Seniors?
- June 8th is last day of school
- Lynne Palleria- needs to know 2 weeks in advance
- Last day of class May 16th
- June 7th summer session starts
- 1st week or 2 of May, Terry will double check dates with events calendar.
- College Connections program in place therefore could not stop to see class.

❖ Youth Employment Program

- Members of consortium- provided opportunities for youth
- Financial literacy, ect
- Educational workshops
- Asking PPB member to offer positions to youth
- Share resources doing educational progress

- Wtby UCONN- student wants to do this on volunteer basis.
- Financial literacy, job skills, work readiness skills
- 350 for NW region, but may increase due to federal jobs bill
- 20 hours/ week for 6 weeks
- Looking for worksites
- Involve them in work readiness, financial literacy skills
- Need mentor
- Transportation- must be accessible, location and hours
- Calls to age 14-21

- Mike- student workers are paid by NWRWFIM potential to share students
- Mitch Holmes- WAVE program

- ❖ Next meeting 5/5
State Youth Employment Program