

MENDOCINO WORKS

Employment Resource Centers

Resource Center Council Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2002
Harwood Hall, Laytonville

Present: JA: Scott Angel; MPIC: Christine Mullis; Healthy Start: Michele Schott

Introductions & Approval of Prior Minutes

Minutes approved from prior meeting 12/6/02 with these exceptions: Healthy Start did hire a client to administer surveys for a community health profile and she included Leggett – but no services are provided in Leggett (although folks come down from there and Piercy to get services).

Also, family “improvement” should be family empowerment.

Agency Sharing

MPIC

The Mendocino College Career Fair is coming up on Friday, March 22, 2002. Mendocino Works will have a booth – the fair is geared toward career choices for high school and college youth.

Christine mentioned that the revised Inquiry Cards form and policy have been approved officially and after a staff training, Helen and Christine will present the new information concerning same to the Laytonville Center Council.

MPIC also shared the recent layoff information for GP in Fort Bragg.

Healthy Start

The Food Bank, which comes up once a week, is trying to figure out a way to begin coming out two days a week. The Garden Club will be the lead agency for the effort.

Healthy Start is also going to be training one person from the School District and two from the Health Center to do food stamp applications.

Family empowerment continues to be full. It has been moved out into the hall since the resource center is too busy.

The Kiosk is now up and information will be put up inside it. MPIC will be posting the calendar, partner list and some other information. MPIC will also be posting some

Mendocino Works signs and information on the walls of the resource centers, as well as providing more recent brochures and updating the Job Board.

Job Alliance

World of Work has been occurring but not enough clientele – tentative that it will continue.

There is a local success story – a JA Client has been hired for contract work for Healthy Start. She does weekly cleaning, community health profiling and work on four major surveys, reception and data entry, and has also gone to some meetings representing Healthy Start. Plus she does childcare for Mental Health Services and Project Sanctuary. Scott to see if she is willing to have us use her as part of the annual “Mendocino Works Success Stories” booklet.

Wish List Item: If there is any way funding can be found to have this client working full-time for any/all Mendocino Works partners in Laytonville, this would be wonderful!

MTA

Glenna needs to set up an initial meeting with community leaders to brainstorm about getting more ridership for MTA. The current fiscal year is budgeted, but in order to continue next year, service needs to be looked at closely. Glenna wants to discover what the community needs are. Christine will have Glenna call Michelle Schott Monday morning to set a good time up – a Monday is probably best. Mike Smith should be there and a JA representative.

Michelle has some good ideas for getting the community involved. Discussion ensued concerning bus passes – apparently MPIC and JA used to give out quite a lot of them, which may be the reason not many MPIC clients have been riding the bus lately. Christine to check with Fred and Glenna on this issue.

Review of Calendar/schedule

Agreed to change calendar to put actual partners who work in the building at the top and referral agencies at the bottom like AODP, Adult Ed, HEP, the Food Bank, and Project Sanctuary.

Update on computer problems in Resource Center

The computers have been working fine since Chris visited after problems were reported.

Meeting adjourned.