



EMERGING WORKER COMMITTEE  
CONFERENCE CALL  
MINUTES

March 4, 2008, 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Emerging Worker Committee Chair – Larry Blount. Members present were Commissioner Bill Lennox, Jue Jue Withers, Kevin Bradley (staff), Mark Bell, Shelly Ena, and Kris Latimer (staff).

Larry began the meeting by thanking all for their participation. He then asked Kris to give an update on the process of committee formation and tasks that need completion prior to the TOC/OWA Quarterly Meeting on April 17.

Kris gave a very brief review of the process to-date related to the new TOC/OWA Vision for 2012 and the development of a committee structure for both TOC and OWA that will move the organization toward fulfilling that vision. She also reviewed the committee's final membership which includes:

Commissioner Bill Lennox, Mark Maliwauki, Jue Jue Withers-Lyon, Kenny Kent, Larry Blount, Marce Knight, Mark Bell, Leonard Norris, Oscar Johnson, and Shelly Ena.

The group then discussed committee tasks to be carried out to the April 17 date which include: Formalize Mission, Refine Roles and Responsibilities, Build Out Work Plan and Finalize Committee Charter.

Due to the complexity of the conversation Commissioner Lennox, Larry and others felt a face-to-face meeting would be helpful. The group agreed to set a date for late March or early April. In advance of this meeting, members agreed to work on the following assignments in order to have a place to move from:

Formalize mission: Larry, Shelly, Mark, Jue Jue – Kevin

Refine your roles and responsibilities: Larry, Kris, Bill – Kevin

Shelly asked whether or not the group would start on the mission by reviewing the mission document and work plan that is already in place. Members agreed that this was an excellent place to start – Kris agreed to forward via e-mail (done).

The committee will have a resource area available on the TOC/OWA website soon where documents, both old and new will be available making it easier for members to reference items and stay up to date.

Mark Bell requested that the committee have an opportunity to discuss the scope of their influence as part of work planning. Members agreed that this was prudent and asked Kris to bring information to their initial meeting related to the Workforce Investment Act and Youth Council's. Kris will follow through with this request and will also provide best practice information from other functioning youth councils across the country.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 by Chair Larry Blount.