

**COPC Meeting**  
**Friday, April 7, 2006**

In Attendance: David Taylor, Deborah Curtis, Cali Gilbert, Julianne Galie, Judy Tederous, Mike Skowronski, Jill Shuey

- ❖ Create database
  - Number of people in Workforce
  - Number of people on unemployment
  - Swipe card tracks all activities for each person (i.e.) workshops, breakfast clubs, resume assistance, etc.
- ❖ September/ March 05-06
  - Looking at zip codes 14305 and 14303
  - Activity at the center
  - Addresses (# of people in area vs. # of people who apply for services)
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Judy stated that what she is looking for are more programs for people seeking work (i.e. Willing to Work program)

- Paid work experiences for people is what works
  - Apprenticeship program (trades)
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- ❖ Mike Skowronski talked about internship programs and technical assistance programs.
    - Bob Swanson (contacts with companies)
  - ❖ Debbie suggested workshop series (4-6 times per year). Would be a way for NU to offer expertise to those seeking employment. Mike Skowronski will follow up with others in Career Development
  - ❖ Judy mentioned program she has for tracking job seekers utilizing services through swipe cards.
    - Judy's \$ is going to dislocated workers right now. Dislocated workers include:
      - Laid off due to facility closure, division/shift closure
      - Unemployment Insurance profiling
      - Unemployed and unlikely to return to industry or occupation
      - Displaced Home Maker- dependent on spouse
  - ❖ Julianne's tasks-to compromise a database with the number of cases she managed who are unemployed
    - She works with the entire track 14305
    - Niagara Falls housing authority, Doris W. Jones. The community center helps everyone who walks through the doors
    - Stated the major problem is Career path. Solution could be to have Judy do the assessment and then Mike/Bob in career development provide counseling.
  - ❖ Develop pamphlet for the community with information on where to get free email, locations of computer labs, etc.