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YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 21, 2003

I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on January 21, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. at the Yolo County Office of Education, 1240 Harter Avenue, Woodland, California with the following people attending:

Present: Ronda Adams, Brenda Arteche, Blanca Barba, Chris Blackman, Jennifer Davis, Robin Dewey, Barbara French, Dianne Grimard, Kathy Harryman, Lee Humes, Sandy Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Jerry Knapp, Tom Lawson, Jonathan London, Constance Lucero, Krystal Majorovas, Carol Neal, Susan Purcell, Panna Putnam, Delia Quiñones, and Karen Quintanilla,

Absent: Chris Almeida, Jorge Ayala, Susan Cassady, Mike Challender, Maria Chavez, Steven Daubert, Christine Hartman, Kitty Hudson, Susan Knadle, Mel Losoya, Gayle McLevich, John Merris-Coots, Ron Piña, Vicki Rich, Angelica Saragoza, Cassandra Schantz, David Serena, Judy Simas, , Jasmine Smith , Lisa Tadlock, and Beverly Taylor

Staff: Viola DeVita and Carol McKowan

II. Welcome and Introductions

Jonathan London, Executive Director of Youth in Focus, Davis CA
Robin Dewey, Occupational Health Educator, Labor Occupational Health Program, UC Berkeley
Krystal Majorovas, Student, Winters High School

III. Statement from Public and Visitors

Tom Lawson announced that proceeds from the YYOC fund went to buy toys for a boy & a girl from Yolo County.

Jonathan London announced that Youth in Focus develops programs to get young people involved. Jonathan works with La Familia and SETA (Sacramento Employment and Training Agency) in Sacramento and is a member of the Children's Alliance of Yolo County.

Krystal Majorovas is interested in becoming a member of the YYOC and has volunteered for a position on the Career Youth Conference Steering Committee.

Elizabeth Jones announced Starbucks grants for youth leadership, youth development, and literacy. It is likely that only non-profit agencies are permitted to apply. The Children's Alliance of Yolo County will be a non-profit soon. The new letter of intent is due by February 7, 2003.

Ronda announced Lorraine Agtang-Greer's resignation and provided a copy of Lorraine's letter of resignation. Lorraine has been assigned to other job responsibilities and will no longer be working in youth program delivery. Constance Lucero verified that there will be a replacement from the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services who will act in Lorraine's capacity. Tom Lawson made a motion to provide Lorraine with a certificate of appreciation. Lee Humes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Lorraine will be invited to a meeting for the presentation.

IV. Agenda Items

A. Minutes of November 19, 2002 meeting

This item was inadvertently bypassed and will be moved to the March 18, 2003 meeting.

B. Additions/Deletions/Reallocation of Time

Addition to the agenda: Item K - Community Service Grant. Motion was made by Lee Humes and seconded by Susan Purcell. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Membership Applications

Membership applications are located on the registration table for those interested in applying for membership. It was verified that the YYOC is not under the same restrictions as the WIB.

Diane Grimard noticed Elizabeth Siracusa's name on the November 19, 2002 minutes and announced that she will no longer be attending the YYOC.

D. Robin Dewey Presentation

Robin would like the YYOC to utilize some of the information provided. 200,000 teens are injured on the job with half of those going to the emergency room. Approximately 70 teens are killed. Factors include: workplace hazards, inexperience, lack of training or supervision, physical and/or behavioral and cognitive development, and a desire to appear competent and responsible. The majority of workplaces include: restaurants, grocery stores, nursing homes, agriculture, and construction.

Resource centers offer health and safety curriculum. There is a half day training of trainers. The model for this program is the State of Connecticut whose Youth Board makes it a requirement that those placing youth provide this training first. The charge is \$30.00 for curriculum.

Tom verified involvement in such entities as the labor bureaus. Robin verified the labor bureau has a website devoted to youth worker health and safety.

Dianne Grimard states that Youthworkers.org is a high quality site from which she borrows items for the students work packets.

Lee would like to see this training get into what DESS (Department of Employment and Social Services), SETA, and CAIZ (California Area Investment Zone) are doing. Lee suggested a model program could be put together and coordinated through CAIZ for regional coverage.

Susan Purcell verified that they do have the curriculum but discovering how to integrate it into classes is difficult because classes are more standards based now. Susan suggested an additional class outside regular school hours to focus on these issues.

Ronda suggested that Starbucks or other similar grants could be applied for with this type of program.

Lee suggested this project be assigned to the Work Ready Certificate (Promote Policies to Sustain Effective Practices) sub-committee. Connie Lucero agreed to work with Gayle McLevich on this. Brenda Arteché feels this could be a point of entry for a work permit. Robin verified that it could be made into a required class in order to obtain a work permit. Kathy Harryman verified that if this can be made into a 15 hour course, it can be offered for an elective credit.

Panna Putnam and Tom Lawson questioned the students, Delia and Krystal about the type of safety training they have received.

Krystal stated she received no real safety training. She was warned about some things but it was more of a "learn on your own" atmosphere. Delia stated she was warned about the hot stove and water. Both stated that they were not shown where the first aid kits were located.

E. CS² Update

Ronda reported that although we are nearing the end of the CS² (Communities and Schools for Career Success) grant funding, she is working to keep the Entrepreneurs and CS² going. Ronda asked to be kept informed of any grant information.

Brenda disseminated volunteer forms for Academic Decathlon taking place on February 1, 2003.

YROP (Yolo Regional Occupational Program) is currently being evaluated for program availability 2003-2004.

Davis, Winters, and Woodland have approved the WRC (Work Ready Certificate). Winters is working with Esparto Chamber to get the WRC going there.

The One-Stop is being redesigned to provide immediate service.

The CYC (Career Youth Conference) is tentatively scheduled to take place April 10, 2003 at UCD. It will involve Region 3 high schools. The next CYCSC (Career Youth Conference Steering Committee) meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2003 at YCOE. There will be tours of UCD pertaining to the Agriculture, Engineering, and Health fields. This is designed to make the most of the day for the students participating. CRYSC (Capital Region Youth System Collaborative) provided start-up funds. Lee is concerned with the CYC looking to the WIB for funding. He suggests requesting funding early. Yolo County's funding is tight also. Brenda estimates \$2,000.00 will be needed for transportation. Chris Blackman was appointed as liaison to the CYC.

Groundhog Job Shadow Day is underway. Forms are out. Gayle is working with LEED (Linking Education and Economic Development) on this.

F. CS² Middle School

Panna reported on the Career Exploration Workshops. She is targeting some mid-range girls at Esparto Middle School. If they graduate from high school and enter college, they will be the first

members of their families to attend college. Holmes Jr High is targeting high-energy kids, this has proven successful. All 120 AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students at Golden State Middle School are participating in the workshops. There are approximately 30 different languages and the students average grades are A-C.

Panna also reported on the “College – Making it Happen” Workshops. There will be a workshop in Winters for parents.

Parent Workshops are under way. ROP, students, adults, and parents are interested.

Regionally:

- ◆ Teacher/Employer recognition
- ◆ LEED partnership
- ◆ Schools take over training students’ career exploration.
- ◆ Michael Gangitano of Lee Jr High has actively trained counselors and is now assisting with the video taping of Real Game.
- ◆ Liaisons are working as academic and career coaches and are paid stipends.

Financial Literacy Workshops will be presented by Chris Blackman and Jennifer Davis.

G. Discussion on Sub-Committee Membership

Sub-Committee’s will not necessarily meet on the third Tuesday of each month, therefore reservations holding YCOE conference rooms on those dates will be canceled. It has been verified that the sub-committee meetings do not require public notice. It is up to each sub-committee to coordinate meetings. It was agreed that these meetings can also be held by virtual e-mail or phone conferencing. Sub-committee chairs will continue to meet 1 hour prior to the full YYOC meetings.

H. Members – Sub-Committee Membership

- ◆ **Community Resource Mapping/Coordinate Youth Services**
Community Resource Mapping will incorporate The Children’s Alliance and Jonathon London of Youth in Focus.
- ◆ **Work Ready Certificate/Marketing**
See item 4 under CS² Updates.
- ◆ **Leadership Team**
Ronda reported that the Youth Council mandates Yolo County trained leadership has access to every student in Yolo County to ensure success. The dilemma is funding. WIAs basic concept is a commitment to programs however; existing funding does not determine priorities.

Lee verified they are looking for funding.

- ◆ **Ensure Quality and Impact**
The sub-committee has met to get to know each other and to project input of what they are about. They have devised a letter of introduction and invite students to participate. Students are still needed from Washington Unified School District and Esparto Unified School District. Ronda asked Jonathon to bring students and suggested the possibility of a sub-committee completely made up of youth. The committee will look into the transportation issues and suggested mileage stipends.

I. Legislative Update

Ronda reported on the 10.8% mid-year cut. Collaboration is very important at this time.

Panna reported on an Adult Education grant of \$600,000. The Capital Region Youth System Collaborative funding is cut and will not be provided next year.

A thank you went out to YCOE, Richard Glass, and others who assisted in writing a grant from Hewlett Packard for Esparto Middle School. The school received \$25,000.00

Tom provided a brochure entitled "Foster Youth Flourish" regarding foster youth who have been emancipated. The United Way is working to secure grant funds to help provide training for these youth.

J. Schedule 2003-2004 Meetings

The Youth Council agreed to take the proposed meeting dates for 2003-2004 for review. The YYOC retreat dates/times are also to be determined. Next Meeting Approvals will be added to the next full YYOC meeting agenda.

Brenda requested a list of acronyms to be included.

K. Community Service Grant Program

Ronda reported on the new grant YCOE is applying for, the Community Service Grant for Suspended and Expelled Students. The grant is intended to provide service to each school district in Region 3 for community service training to help build character. It is also designed to place in community service for the number of days they are suspended. Tom Lawson states that the Executive Director of Inter Faith Joint Services Bureau may want to get involved. He will speak with the director regarding this matter.

L. Next Meetings

March 18, 2003 ~ YYOC – YCOE Woodland Conference Room. 3:30-5:00pm

Sub-committee Chairs meet 2:30-3:30pm

May 20, 2003 ~ YYOC – YCOE Washington Conference Room. 3:30-5:00pm

Sub-committee Chairs meet 2:30-3:30pm

V. Adjournment

With no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola DeVita