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YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 15, 2008

I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on January 15, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the Yolo County Office of Education, 1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite 120, Woodland, California with the following people attending:

Present: Kim Bradley, Marcia Corrigan, Pam Duey, Darlene Eaton, Michael Gangitano, Doug Gutaw, Jessica Larsen, Tom Lawson, Gayle McLevich, Nancy O'Hara, Lori Perez, Ron Piña, Susan Purcell, Karen Quintanilla, Vicki Rich, Deanna Stark, Yu-Hsuan Shih, Reid Thompson

Absent: Ronda Adams, Susan Cassady, Linda Christopher-Miles, Oscar Contreras Theresa Cordero, Yasmine DeAnda, Estella De La Torre, Alejandra Diaz, John Eldred, Connie Gomez, Lamar Heystek, Noe Lopez, Kera Marcoux, Liliana Martin, Michele Moore, Judy Needham, Nancy Northrup, Roberta Paul, Panna Putnam, Danya Ramirez, Mary Renteria, Teri Ruggiero, Vania Sanchez, and Rogelio Villagrana

Staff: Viola DeVita

No Quorum

II. Welcome and Introductions

Ron welcomed the group. Introductions were made by all.

III. Statement from Public and Visitors

No Statement

IV. Agenda Items

A. **Review and Approval September 18, 2007 and November 13, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

Items moved to March 18, 2008 meeting due to lack of quorum.

B. **March 18, 2008 Retreat**

Discussion was made to extend the invitation to the WIB members to attend the YYOC Retreat. The time 3:30 – 7:00 pm was agreed to by those in attendance. Ron “strongly suggested” that members attend the retreat.

Ron says there is nothing to prohibit us from having a consensus of those present.

C. **Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Update**

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Doug Gutaw disseminated a handout including the Youth Council Membership Requirements of SB293. The WIB had strategic planning a week ago. Youth issues were one of the primary discussion points. There may be items that the WIB may be referring to the YYOC for their discussion and strategic planning to set up goals around expectations for what the WIB interest is.

In review of the list, Doug reminded all that the YYOC is a sub committee of the WIB. There is a history prior to the WIB but the WIB is using the YYOC as a group directly responsible to the WIB for requirements concerning youth in the WIA. Doug reviewed the Youth Council Membership and the fact that a year ago SB293 added to the requirements. *Doug confirmed that the SB293 membership requirements are in addition to the prior members required by the WIA.* Viola advised that Michele Moore does not wish to resend her resignation and her daughter no longer lives with her. Youth are eligible by eight or nine different things, low income, disabilities, age (14-21), drug issues, citizenship or legal status, and a number of different items. Doug will refer this matter back to DESS to help search for a parent representative.

As the YYOC goes into strategic planning, include the YYOC duties:

- Serve as an advisory committee to the WIB
- Represent the WIB's interests
- Provide opportunity for community stakeholders
- Develop portions of the WIA 5-Year Plan relating to eligible youth
- Subject to the approval of WIB
 - Recommend eligible providers of youth activities to be awarded grants or contracts
 - Conduct oversight with respect to the eligible providers of youth activities in the local area.

SB 293 added:

- Leveraging other WIA youth program funds for the purpose of improving the effectiveness of local youth programs through collaborative planning, funding, and service delivery.
- Making recommendations to the WIB for connecting youth program activities
- Making recommendations to the WIB for including training in nontraditional occupations for women and girls and pre apprenticeship training in youth program activities.

Ron asked for an example of leveraging other funds. Doug says it could be grants that are to other service providers. California Human Development Corporation gets WIA funds. The California Indian Consortium that gets WIA funds. Leveraging those programs with the basic funding from DESS is what they are referring to.

Kim said this is the 15% Governors fund that we applied for for the EEC.

The idea of the Youth Council is to talk about the different programs that are available and not only WIA funding in various aspects but the silo funding that other agencies get that can be used to create a youth program.

Viola reminded the group that there are several other funding streams that have been leveraged for YYOC related activities. ROP has been a major contributor to funding the WRC for staff, coordinating interviews, and purchasing and creating the certificates. Staff from YCOE, River City High, and Davis High have mentored youth on their own time, using their own resources the majority of the time; YCOE has staffed and facilitated the YYOC for years and the Chair's of the sub committee's are YCOE employees. Others include Pam Duey with Woodland Veterinary Hospital, Migrant Education, and Yolo Federal Credit Union who provide services to WIA eligible youth.

The mandate of the Dept of Labor would like to see the Youth Councils:

- Create a vision for the youth component of the community's workforce investment system to provide a comprehensive youth dev approach.
- Relate that vision to all partners and community as a whole
- Design, develop, and implement a comprehensive system that serves all youth
- Determine whether the youth program is making a difference in the region and community with support from educators and business.
- Develop as the community's youth leadership body, responsible for catalyzing, implementing and monitoring a new and comprehensive system for all youth.

Doug mentions that part of the reason that there are businesses and a variety of organizations are on this Council to determine if it is an effective council.

Tom brought to discussion the WRC. Doug says all components need to be a measurement of what is looked at. It's creating a system for all youth within the county borders, including foster and migrant youth.

WIA funds are a very small component of youth services in the community. The educational services are big, the ROP services, foster youth, and migrant worker youth. There are a lot of programs that have a silo of limitations on what they can use their funds for. Each of the YYOC programs has strict limitations. Direct youth to jobs, work experience, as far as the WIA is concerned.

Ron asked for an update and a copy of the WIB strategic planning meeting so we can review the minutes and use them to assist the YYOC in its strategic planning.

Marcia confirmed that guests can come to the WIB and comment.

Tom's concern is that there will be a WIB meeting and wants to ensure that the WIB's concerns will be provided to the YYOC in a timely manner to review at their Retreat.

Susan would like the youth council to have a bigger global body that knows all youth, not just those that fit in with the WIA requirements.

D. Leadership Sub Committee Additions

Nancy O'Hara and Teri Ruggiero and or Doug Gutaw will join the Leadership Sub Committee at 2:30 prior to the meeting. The next Leadership meeting will be May 20, 2008

E. Announcements and Legislative Updates

Tom is working with Maria Schriver's office concerning the earned income credit and the child care credit. Nancy confirmed that they have the VITA program in which they prepare income taxes for those who financially qualify. It is on the DESS website. Tom can send information and Nancy will send a copy of the flyer to Viola to send to the YYOC and the Faith-Based / Community Organization Networks.

Lori announced the Academic Decathlon on Saturday February 2, 2008. Lori is asking for volunteers. It will be held at the WCC. Students will test all day long from about 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for Speech and Interview. Gayle says the Superquiz starts at 3:30. The theme this year is the Civil War.

Jessica announced that she's back after three months due to maternity leave. Lori did a wonderful job taking care of everything while she was gone. They are trying to keep up with the

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group homes in the county. There are two in Woodland and three in Davis. One of which will be closing. A new group home opened in West Sacramento serving boy ages 12-18 and there is to be a second home in West Sacramento to open and serve the same youth. Jessica says they serve all foster youth in Yolo County so if anyone knows anyone who needs services let them know. They are always looking for tutors.

Gayle announced that there is a Fashion Merchandising ROP class at EEC. Students are getting jobs in the community. One youth was a Santa helper in the mall and one works at Foot Locker. The students all have uniforms so they can be easily identified. There is a night class for Careers with Children. There are a lot of participants from Head Start who can earn their internship.

Darlene announced EEC has had a change in administration. Susan Cassady is the Interim Principal. They had their first parent/student advisory meeting. Students are rolling into their second semester. There are approximately 35 students scheduled to graduate and who will be enrolled at WCC. There are two students who will be taking courses at the Sac City community college in West Sacramento. They are looking for mentors.

Marcia announced the CDE had a meeting in Sacramento. There were top administrators who were discussing how they can help the youth. Marcia announced that she didn't think they knew what was going on with the youth. One administrator was offended and another told her that her statements were duly noted.

Michael mentioned the Lee Middle School Seventh Annual Career Day will be April 4, 2008. Michael is very biased but he believes Lee middle school has the best career day around. The presenters enjoy it as well. Michael would like presenters. It takes place on a Friday and Michael specifically invited Gayle.

Deanna Stark says the Lee Middle School Career Day is a great forum that is very organized and it's a lot of fund. She has no other announcements.

Reid mentioned they are doing a presentation of Every 15 Minutes on prevention in Delta High in Clarksburg on March 26 & 27, 2008. They do a music video in which the kids do the filming, editing, and acting.

Nancy had no announcements.

Karen also passed but did ask Lori about the conference in March. Lori says it will be March 28-29 at WCC. It's a leadership conference this year. There are 10 to 12 youth participating on the CCYC sub committee. There will be 10 students from each high school invited. It will be first come first serve. She will work with Karen to work something out for Migrant Education.

Kim says that Oscar is still recruiting for youth for the WIO (Working it Out). The two major requirements are ages 19-21 and out of school. They cannot be foster youth unless possibly they are not ILP eligible. Nancy will look into that for Lori.

Susan announced the big state conference for WorkAbility is going to be bigger and broader with transition as a theme. That pulls in different organizations that can help students and families. It will be April 28 & 29 in Palm Springs. Serves those involved with students with disabilities or students that have special needs. Susan has invited Deanna Stark to present on financial literacy.

Ron reported that there is a \$14.5 billion shortfall. There will now be JTW in which they will allocate funds for transition for non violent offenders.

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F. Sub Committee Breakouts

No breakouts due to lack of time.

G. Sub Committee Updates

No updates due to lack of time.

Next Meetings:

March 18, 2008 – YCOE's Conference Center – Retreat –3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

May 20, 2008 – YCOE's Conference Center

July 15, 2008 – YCOE's Conference Center

V. Adjournment

With no further business Ron Piña, Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola DeVita