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YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 17, 2006

I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on January 17, 2006 at 3:36 p.m. at the Yolo County Office of Education, 1280 Santa Anita Court, Woodland, California with the following people attending:

Present: **Ronda Adams**, Susan Cassady, Marcia Corrigan, **Estella De La Torre**, Pam Duey, John Eldred, Miguel Fernandez, Victoria Gilley, **Sherri Kent-Roberts**, **Jessica Larsen**, **Tom Lawson**, Liliana Martin, **Gayle McLevich**, **Michele Moore**, **Judy Needham**, **Ashley Peceimer**, **Lori Perez**, **Ron Piña**, **Panna Putnam**, **Karen Quintanilla**, Mary Reese, **Vicki Rich**, and Vania Sanchez,

Absent: Angela Angel, **Jorge Ayala**, Blanca Barba, **Chris Blackman**, Debbie Carrion, **Alejandra Diaz**, **Michael Gangitano**, **Dave Heller**, **Sandy Johnson**, **Elizabeth Jones**, **Constance Lucero**, Diane **Moreno**, **Carol Neal**, **Roberta Paul**, **Susan Purcell**, Mary Renteria, **Angelica Saragoza**, **Alvin Singh**, Rogelio Villagrana, and **Mike Webber**

Staff: Viola DeVita

II. Welcome and Introductions

Ronda Adams, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, YCOE and Chair of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council. As such she is the representative in the community and facilitates community involvement.

Michele Moore, YCOE, ROP teacher -Careers in Education and Child Development, also coordinator of the CCYC.

Jessica Larsen, YCOE Foster Youth Services

Gayle McLevich, YCOE, Director if ROP and does Ronda's bidding.

Vicki Rich, Davis Senior High School, Resource Specialist, Coordinator, WorkAbility

Ashley Peceimer, Youth Council foster youth and DSHS student.

Judy Needham, Supervisor, WIA program and ILP Program.

Victoria Gilley, Social Worker

Mary Reese, Yolo County Library and Yolo Link Coordinator

Pam Duey, Community Outreach Coordinator, Woodland Veterinary Hospital

Karen Quintanilla, Migrant Education

Panna Putnam, YCOE, Coordinator, Youth Programs, and the Mentorship Grant through the United States Department of Education. Holmes Jr High has recently been added to the list of schools receiving mentoring for their students.

Miguel Fernandez, Youth Employment Coordinator for RISE, Inc.

Marcia Corrigan, Cal Trans. Brings Adopt-a-School, Cal Trans sponsors, job shadowing, and is the construction liaison between Teichert, Granite, and others. Marcia is a civil engineer.

Tom Lawson, AFLCIO Community Service Director.

Sherri Kent-Roberts, Outreach and Administrative Supervisor, Sacramento Job Corps.

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John Eldred, Outreach Counselor, Sacramento Job Corps.

Ron Piña, Career Technical Education Director and is in charge of the Civil Engineering Academy and Construction at River City High School and Hiram Johnson.

Liliana Martin, Student, RCH

Vania Sanchez, Student, RCH

Stella De La Torre, Career Information Specialist, RCH.

Lori Perez, a graduate of WHS, is employed with YCOE, ROP; and is the CCYC Co-Chair.

III. Statement from Public and Visitors

No statements

IV. Agenda Items

A. Review and Approval of September 19, 2005 Meeting and November 15, 2005 WIB/YYOC Training Minutes

- Tom Lawson made a motion to approve the September 19, 2005 and November 15, 2005 minutes. Vicki Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Budget Proposal

WIB met last week and questioned the budget for YYOC this year. Tom confirmed there were questions raised by him and others who are associated with the board. The vote was held until the final proposals were in. They wanted a proposal to come to the WIB and to give the YYOC time to submit the information. In August, Gayle McLevich put a budget together and submitted it. Due to ongoing changes it was put on hold. Roberta is investigating the process to make sure it was within the regulations. Roberta and staff will need to go over this with fiscal and discuss with the WIB to make sure this meets the criteria. Ronda is asking us to review the proposals for adjustments and Roberta and her staff will review for any changes the department of labor requires.

- CCYC: this is opened to Yolo county youth, comprehensive and alternative education students. The youth represented here are putting the event together. It's being held May 11, 2006 at the YC Fairgrounds. We're asking the WIB to contribute \$3500 for supplies and transportation. DESS agreed to pay up to \$2500 for transportation and \$500 for postage directly. Ronda questioned if the funding paid directly from DESS is separate from WIA \$. Ronda noted we're not asking DESS for food.
- YYOC Clerical Support: the Youth Council is asking \$2852.87. In past years it has been agreeable that the WIB will support this. These funds cover meeting expenses, retreats, and trainings.
- YYOC Youth Mentors: \$2,000. This year Estella De La Torre and Vicki Rich will be the YYOC mentors. The mentors are usually teachers or educators who work in the school district. They also support the youth outside of the YYOC itself in developing youth leadership skills.
 - Tom: How many hours are involved in mentoring? Ron and Stella guesstimated at least 5 hours a week for 36 weeks, including travel. Ron allocates the funding for mileage. Tom says if we have the opportunity to raise the bar – let's do so.
 - Judy Needham questioned if there are guidelines in place in order to receive the mentoring stipends. Gayle and Roberta are working on this.
 - Last year Estella had 4-5 students and is to receive \$2000 for that. Gayle noted that they also participate on the WRC, CCYC, and YYOC. The youth has to be on at least one of these committees.
 - Tom proposed to raise it to \$3000 (\$1000 per event).
 - Ron would like to recruit and would like to see the other districts participate.

- Miguel mentors elementary and middle school youth in Esparto through RISE.
- Tom made a motion to request \$3000 rather than \$2000. This will pay for three mentors or increase the amount of the stipend for those mentoring more than one youth). Michele Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- WRC: We are asking for \$647. Much of the funding that goes into this is from the ROP.

Roberta will review the proposed budgets and work with the WIB for the legal terminology.

Pam Duey made a motion to approve the budget proposals as amended. Stella De La Torre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. YYOC Retreat Agenda

The Five-Year plan is around the corner. The YYOC will look at goals from the past and find out what areas we'd like to move on and create another goal. Last year we added the transition. This years meeting time will be from 3:30 – 7:00 pm. Ronda announced that the Youth Service Provider Network (YSPN) is branching out. They're interested in supporting YC's outside of SCOE. They can do trainings in their area of capacity building. Ronda shared the "All Youth One System" foundation with them and that members might be interested in the leadership capacity building they have for youth. If our youth council feels that we would like to write their trainings into our plans we could look at that. It's free for them to come to the retreat. Panna announced they have an excellent framework for youth development as well as a very good historical prospective of how youth development has evolved. They do the convening. It's youth focused - how to get youth to facilitate meetings. Ronda shared we do have youth voice and everyone that comes here is interested in helping youth be all they can be. Panna said YSPN can do a synopsis of their 50 hour training.

Other Retreat Agenda Items:

- Review Goals
- Framework
- Sub committee updates; and
- Sub committee report outs.

Ronda asked if Roberta might have an area she would like us to have a focus on and has it been determined yet if YC's are indeed still mandated. Judy believes that YC's are still mandated. We'll put a tentative agenda out and e-mail to all and have everyone provide input. Again, the meeting will be held from 3:30 – 7:00p.m. Dinner will be served.

D. Yolo Link Presentation

Jessica Larsen and the rest of the Resource Mapping Committee have been trying to figure out if they need a youth resource guide. They've found Yolo Link is the most comprehensive program out there. As a result, Jessica invited Yolo Link to YYOC in the event that someone isn't aware of Yolo link and what their resources are.

Mary Reese announced that Yolo Link serves as the county's referral data base. It began in 1992. DESS built a directory of services but funding prohibited it so the library thought it would be a good thing to do. Most funding comes from DESS and the YC library, and cities of Woodland and Davis, and YCOE. There are certain inclusion criteria. Businesses must be non profit or government agencies; or provide pub services. They input schools; clubs; and organizations that serve Yolo county residents. They publish the directory once a year. There are three indexes, including alpha and categorical listing of all programs. Mary tries to update it once a year.

Davis Community Network (DCN) offers server space. Steve McMahan built the website and provides technical assistance if something goes wrong with the original database. The database contains contact information; url's; e-mails; languages; fees; eligibility requirements. It uses taxonomy of human services.

Yolo Link doesn't make referrals but does answer hundreds of questions from many people in the country. They have answered questions pertaining to dental bill payment assistance from Washington State, and have answered questions from people as far away as Minnesota and Pokipse NY. They are transitioning to new software that should enable them to publish a more specialized directory.

Ronda confirmed searches. Currently, you are able to search by word but it doesn't include the cross-references; the new software will allow for that.

Mary stated they are in the middle of converting to the new database. They should be able to pull together a youth link as well.

The website is: www.dcn.org/yololink

Mary receives all the e-mails from the feedback button on the web.

E. Announcements and Legislative Update

- Jessica will be doing training March 9- Special Education; March 16 0 General Education advocacy; March 23 - Training parents on bullying. These are on the Foster Kinship Care website
- Gayle announced the new Careers with Children ROP class held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Classes are held at Head Start on Lincoln Avenue in Woodland. The class is targeted for Head Start parents. They will learn CPR and classroom management. It's opened to everyone over 16 years of age. It is a total of 180 hours and participants can earn 10 credits and will earn a certificate of completion and be prepared for the para educator under the NCLB guidelines but must take their own test. Gayle doesn't believe there is a charge for the test.
- Vicki Rich announced there are five applicants for the WRC. Only four are currently in school. The one child currently out of school did ask for a separate interview if possible.

The Jr high Career Fairs are in need of speakers. If you're willing to receive the broadcast fax from the Davis Chamber she will take the information back. The dates of the career fairs are Feb 9 at Harper Jr High; Feb 23 at Holmes Jr High; March 9 at Emerson Jr High.

Job shadow will take place Mar 2. Contact Cynthia Goldberg directly at hgpig@dcn.org for additional information or to participate.

- Judy Needham announced the three new case managers for the WIA youth program. They are: Jane Thompson; Edith Solorzano, and Karen Perez. Judy will be supervising the new Independent Living program.
- Karen Quintanilla announced coming Feb 4, the dental society of sac extends service to Yolo County. One Saturday a year dentists will open offices and treat children who don't have insurance or other means to pay for dental care. Typically Migrant Education marshals enough resources and delivers enough students they receive \$40,000 of dental care in the four hour period. Karen announced that a priority list is established, wherever they have the bulk of the youth and depending on the dental area. Children, ages 3-18 yrs of age will receive the services. The dental society has certain screening criteria.
 - Ronda questioned how schools would be able to get this care for our students?

Karen confirmed the dental society came to Migrant Education after not receiving enough referrals from public schools. Karen will send the information to possibly refer students for next year. Sending the information to guidance counselors and attendance offices would be good; they could query the list of non insured students. Schools need to get new contact information to the dental society.

- Ronda suggested possibly we can get someone from the dental association to join the youth council.
- Panna announced the article in YYOC on mentoring. There has been a series of speakers. One speaker had owned his own business and retired by age 50. The chef discussed what kind of culinary schools are in the area. YFCU will be training youth on finances; how to start your own business if that's what you want to do. Wildlife conservation is also coming. Middle school youth are the primary participants.
- Miguel Fernandez announced that the Esparto Collaborative is this Friday. It takes place the 3rd Friday of each month at the Community Hall in Esparto. All are welcome to come. Coffee and bagels will be served this time. Panna usually represents YCOE.
- Marcia noted the hot jobs for career awareness day. Marcia brings her scrap book of what she's done with core of engineers and Cal Trans. If you dream it you can achieve it. They have iron workers; masonry; concrete; surveyors; operator union; local 3 with heavy equipment; the heavy equipment operators are making \$30 hour. Marcia has worked with the Sacramento Job Corps when she was the inspector. Marcia can provide mentors for a variety of people not just engineers; does career day speaking and can find speakers.

Cal Trains provides scholarships for seniors if going on to engineering. She just sent out an e-mail and Sac State is looking for applicants.

Cal Trans offers the Adopt-a-School program. American Association of State Transportation has the track. It is for math/physics students – they have a device that tracks motion and the computer will note the time distance/exhilarator velocity. With the acceleration program the person physically makes a motion and the computer shows the equations and what numbers were used to generate your graph. The velocity is very fun. They do flow/water chemistry; electronics; sound; magnate levitation and try to get styrofoam cars to move down a track. Marcia will find out if we can have a track demonstration at the CCYC. It also teaches research and makes math come alive.

- Tom made an announcement for the new people. YYOC participants are fined \$1 for being late or leaving early; \$1 side barring or phones ringing during the meeting. There is \$58 total that was given to Katrina because tom discovered more money. He is getting more clothing in from Lake Tahoe from Jeffrey Dean. They're giving clothing to foster youth so they can have clothing to seek employment or return to school. Tom wants to talk further with Yolo Link. Tom can't guarantee service for the Yolo Foster Youth but Jessica can come to the Impac council. Victoria only works with emancipated youth and would like this as well. **
 - Ashley noted that many of the youth don't have enough clothes to go to school and feel comfortable in. She can't express enough gratitude because it's important to them.

Tom also has a food closet. The clothes are currently in Tom's office on Watt Avenue.

- Sherri Kent-Roberts announced the Community Partnership Luncheon. Culinary students prepare the meal. Everyone is invited.

Sherri asked if John is a voting member yet. No, it normally takes 2-3 months for the process to complete its cycle and applicants actually become voting members. They are first approved by the WIB and then go to the Board of Supervisors for appointment.

- John reported on transitional living and what the needs are. He said he only received five responses. The number one issue is housing. Food, clothing, career preparation; life skills; financial information. The best definition for Transitional Living Services is: *Transitional*

Living Services are support services that provide mentoring, counseling, and/or case management services for older youth who are leaving their K-12 program and housing. Needs are house, career preparation, and sustainable wages as they transition into the adult world. John also passed out the Yolo County Services Guide. The 2nd page shows basic needs – under affordable housing there is Community Housing Opportunity Corp; Housing Information and Assistance Center; Yolo Community Care Continuum; and Yolo County Housing Authority. John provided information about the YCHA from Yolo Link. His concern is that it gives the phone number; mailing address; hours of operation; and the description stating: “Subsidized housing opportunities for families, elderly, or persons with disabilities. Administers 6-month migrant farm-worker housing program. Housing referrals in Yolo County. Home ownership opportunities. FSS Program, Microenterprise Program. His frustration is that in all the documents he pulled up, he found nothing for transitional services for youth.

- Ashley has also been researching this, she cannot get any subsidized housing and she cannot get section 8.

John also handed out the Community Housing Opportunity Corp. He still has no idea of who they are. There is a phone number. They provide different services but it doesn't talk about youth services. John doesn't know where to go from here. There isn't any housing for youth.

- Ronda mentioned the newspaper articles concerning homelessness in the packet. Supervisor Mariko Yamada asked each City Council to appoint a member to the Homeless Coordination Project. Ronda said the YYOC should have a liaison to the committee as well. It would be a good idea to bring a youth to the meeting.
 - Tom commented that from organized labor, the developers are not addressing the need for low income housing; Tom stated the developers are trying to make an enhanced community with the lower income housing. It doesn't relieve the need. It has to come from our voices to the supervisors to the planning commission.
- Ron announced that the construction awareness is on the 28th and 29th and being held at Tiechert this year. Ron says the general contractors association brought them to the table. They've combined it with design build.
 - Stella will send information to Viola for dissemination.

Ron said no one has been contacted regarding the job shadowing. Ron has a group in administrative justice that wants to do a job shadow at a correctional facility. Susan suggested he might be able to contact Don Meyer with probation. But she doesn't believe they will allow it.

- Ronda handed out the information from ACSA. In the Governor's budget proposal ROP is getting 5% cost – growth is set at over 2%. For CTE: The Governor put \$20 million aside. For next year he put another \$30 to make it \$50 for next year. The request for proposals should be coming to the web this week.
- Ron also reported that Greg Himes is the Interim Principal at River City High School; Dave Tooker Interim Superintendent at Washington Unified School District.
- Estella stated that about 15 students from the FNL mentoring program started training to mentor the middle school students.
- Lori Perez was praised for her newsletter. Lori brought attention to the Faith/Community Network, and the three Davis Jr High career days. It is important to get jr high ready for high school. Lee MS is having their Career Fair on April 13.

The YYOC CYCC's theme this year is: Ready, Set, Go, and pave the way to your future. They are expecting over 500 students; staff; vendors; they are planning a BBQ and asking for volunteers. The committee is hoping to have it on WAVE in Woodland.

Lori also passed out the flyer for Academic Decathlon. Lori just learned that students don't have to have a good GPA to compete. Students can have a 0.2 GPA and compete. They also need volunteers and judges for speech and interview.

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- Susan is excited about ROP for alternative education students. There is a possibility that it will be a culinary course. Most alternative education students are expelled and can't go to a regular campus for ROP classes. The students can attend the Careers with Children in the evening and the computer class at the YCDESS building.

There is a new crew for YCCP (Yolo County Conservation Partnership). This program allows youth to go to school and earn credits and pay. The new session begins Monday.

Susan heard there is a WIB backed recommended career inventory or survey. Judy said DESS is using CAIZ (Capital Area Investment Zone). Vicki is familiar with the survey and will look further into this and provide information to Susan.

- Tom collected \$3.00 in assessments

F. Sub Committees Breakout Session – No breakout sessions due to time constraints.

G. Sub Committee Report out – No report outs due to time constraints.

Next meetings to be held in YCOE's Woodland Conference Room from 3:30 – 5:00 (unless otherwise specified):

March 21, 2006 – YYOC Retreat will be held from 3:30p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner provided
May 16, 2006

V. Adjournment

With no further business Ronda Adams, Chair, adjourned the meeting of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola DeVita