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YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 18, 2005

I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on January 18, 2005 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, Jorge Ayala, Chris Blackman, Hanan Bowman, Estella De La Torre, Alejandra Diaz, John Eldred, Lee Humes, Sherri Kent-Roberts, Jessica Larsen, Constance Lucero, Gayle McLevich, Michele Moore, Ron Piña (via phone), Susan Purcell (via phone), Panna Putnam, Karen Quintanilla, Vicki Rich, Brenda Rocha, Angelica Saragoza, Yendi Tello, and Mike Webber

Absent: Angela Angel, Blanca Barba, Susan Cassady, Debbie Carrion, Michael Gangitano, Victoria Gilley, Dave Heller, Dennis Hubbard, Rosie Huizar, Sandy Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Susan Knadle, Tom Lawson, Diane Moreno, Carol Neal, Mary Renteria, Cassandra Schantz, Alvin Singh, Jasmine Smith, Nelida Sotelo, Kathleen Sutton, and Lisa Tadlock

Staff: Viola DeVita

II. Welcome and Introductions

Brenda Rocha, Student, River City High School
Hanan Bowman, Youth Build, Yolo County Housing Authority

III. Statement from Public and Visitors

Ronda expressed condolences and remembered friend and partner Lupe Ortiz of Winters.

IV. Agenda Items

A. Review and Approval of September 21, 2004 and November 16, 2004 WIA/YYOC Training Minutes

All minutes were reviewed. No comments or proposed changes. Karen Quintanilla moved, and Vicki Rich & Constance Lucero seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of September 21, 2004 and November 16, 2004. Motion carried unanimously (Ron and Susan approved via phone).

B. Review and Recommend Approval of WIA RFP Applicant(s)

Ronda explained that \$100,000 is available. Recipients will hire a job coach who will go through job readiness training working closely with the One Stop.

Brenda Pate with Woodland Youth Services is the only applicant. Her proposal meets the concept requirements. She requested \$30,000.

Ronda proposed sending the RFP back out for the remaining \$70,000. Panna may encourage mentor partners to apply. She verified that the target audience needs to be WIA eligible and registered youth. The Housing Authority and Washington USD discussed interest in applying.

Ronda also expressed the need of YYOC to assist and be part of the read/rate committee.

Sherri Kent Roberts moved and Chris Blackman seconded the motion to reissue the RFP. Motion carried unanimously. (Ron and Susan approved via phone)

C. Review and Approval of Training Payments for Youth Participant Policy

Vicki Rich moved and Chris Blackman seconded the motion to approve the Training Payments for Youth Participant Policy. (Susan approved and Ron approved, providing the process is simplified, via phone).

D. Announcements and Legislative Update

- » Jorge Ayala discussed his presentation to the State WIB regarding the Work Ready Certificate. Yolo County is “on the map”. David Ratrie of Los Angeles speaks highly of our WRC. It appears to be a national movement. The State decided not to build a state-wide certificate citing that it should be locally based. The State Youth Council can be a clearing house and provide a support system for the WRC.

There have been no State Youth Council meetings due to funding. There may not be another until March or April.

The State WIB is very excited about the work youth councils are doing.

Jorge reports to the State WIB on a monthly basis. The State WIB is giving out grants to help with the WRC.

Jorge stated that youth councils are no longer a requirement so there are no commitments yet – there doesn’t seem to be funding there. The task is to keep reporting youth council progress on a monthly basis.

The Governor has shown indications that he supports career technical education. We won’t know until the May revise. The Governor may take it as a referendum or proposition to voters if legislature doesn’t approve it. Gayle brought the groups attention to the handout stating the Governor is saving \$20 million for Voc Ed.

Jorge reported that district and county offices may have to pay for STRS/PERS pensions where the state paid before. The office will get COLA but it will likely not be sufficient the required payments.

- » Panna Putnam reported on the new mentorship grant “You Make a Difference”. The grant is designed to mentor high level poverty youth or those with a high potential for violence. This year 75 youth from West Sacramento and Esparto will be served.
- » John Eldred disseminated Job Corp recruit documents of where centers are and what trades are offered. Internal studies show that Yolo County is 4th highest for applicants. They have

shown that there has been a higher loss for those youth 18 and above rather than the 16-17 year olds as previously thought. Seven out of ten applications received require special handling such as drug use, disability, police record.

John announced a one stop job fair that is specifically hiring.

- » Yendi Tello announced that they are working on the career fair and have business lists. The Chambers are faxing vendor notification for the CYC.
- » The following various announcements were made:
 - West Sacramento Business Education Meeting will be held Thursday Jan 20, 2005 at 8:00 a.m.
 - Davis Career Fairs are scheduled for March 10, 17, and 24, 2005. The three Jr Highs are looking for volunteers; coordinators; and speakers. Vice Principals are facilitating. Letters are going out to speakers- they're hoping to bring more trades in.
 - Pioneer High School will have a career day.
 - YYOC CYC is sending letters and needs funds. They're hoping to get sponsors for miscellaneous needs. Ronda suggested that Michele contact Pam Dewey with Woodland Veterinary Hospital.
- » Estella De La Torre announced that West Sacramento will have 100 students for job shadow.
- » Mike Webber announced that he has applications for membership volunteers on the CYC and is helping with contributions. Mike is also joining the Bus/Ed Committee in West Sacramento and basically is taking Jennifer Davis' slot.
- » Vicki Rich reported having five applications for the WRC.

STAR Testing is from March 19 – April 26, 2005.

- » Michele Moore reported that the WRC is going through advisory this year. Announcement has been given to high schools. She has created five easy steps for the website including a résumé wizard guide and an interactive form letter. She will possibly do workshops on résumés. The CYC this year is Career/College and will be held at the Woodland Community College on March 23, 2005. Theme: "The Future is Within Your Reach".

Michele reported that the Paraprofessional Training is getting under way. It is NCLB training.

- » Gayle McLevich reported that the Academic Decathlon will take place on February 5, 2005. There will be 10 events. Students are from the six comprehensive high schools in Yolo County. Need most volunteers between 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- » It was decided that the March Retreat would be held March 15 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

E. Youth Build Presentation – Hanan Bowman

Hanan Bowman of the Yolo County Housing Authority reported that there is a DVD reflective of what is happening in Yuba County where they have built four houses. He provided a handout on the YouthBuild USA website. The Youth Build focus is to take failing youth, ages 18-23, and teach them a construction trade while they are getting their high school diploma. It is a zero tolerance program – they must show up on time & be drug free. The program teaches employable

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skills, teamwork, and responsibility. It is a one-year program with six months of actual construction. The youth receive a small stipend. YCOE's ROP program has a construction class which could go toward the education component. The program gives youth a chance to succeed when they've failed in comprehensive and alternative schools.

Hanan states that YCHA is interested in participating and that they own 1212 L Street, Davis that can be built upon.

F. ROP Waiver Request for Students Under 16 – Gayle McLevich

Gayle reported that she has submitted a waiver to the State of California requesting 10% of students under the age of 16 be allowed to take ROP courses.

Next Meetings to be held in YCOE's Woodland Conference Room
Leadership Team & Subcommittee Chairs – 2:30 – 3:30 pm.
YYOC - 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

March 15, 2005 – retreat hours 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
May 17, 2005

V. Adjournment

With no further business Ronda Adams, Chair, adjourned the meeting of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola DeVita