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YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 13, 2007

I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on November 13, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. at the Einstein Education Center, 1264 E. Gibson Rd., Ste 327 Woodland, California with the following people attending:

Present: Ronda Adams, Susan Cassady, Oscar Contreras, Pam Duey, Michael Gangitano, Connie Gomez, Lamar Heystek, Tom Lawson, Noe Lopez, Gayle McLevich, Kera Marcoux, Judy Needham, Nancy Northrup, Lori Perez, Ron Piña, Susan Purcell, Panna Putnam, Vicki Rich, Teri Ruggiero, Deanna Stark, Yu-Hsuan Shih, Reid Thompson

Absent: Kim Bradley, Linda Christopher-Miles, Theresa Cordero, Marcia Corrigan, Yasmine DeAnda, Estella De La Torre, Alejandra Diaz, John Eldred, Jessica Larsen, Lilitiana Martin, Michele Moore, Nancy O'Hara, Roberta Paul, Karen Quintanilla, Danya Ramirez, Mary Renteria, Vania Sanchez, Judy Simas Rogelio Villagrana and Diane Watrous and Cathie Wicks

Staff: Viola DeVita

No Quorum

II. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions made.

III. Statement from Public and Visitors

No Statement

IV. Agenda Items

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

Item moved to January 15, 2008 meeting due to lack of quorum.

B. **Presentation of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Annual Report**

Ronda announced Teri Ruggiero and Doug Gutaw will be standing members on the YYOC. Teri will give an update on the WIB and discuss ways to enhance communication between the WIB and the YYOC and will share the WIB annual report and touch base on SB 293.

Teri reported that the WIB consists of 33 members in which 17 are private business and 16 are labor representatives, education, and community based organizations. This is the first time in eight years that they have had a full board. The WIB has been working on strategic planning.

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They have successfully linked to economic development. They want to be sure that in the youth council is looking at youth development, increase in high school graduation rates, and increase in work ready preparedness. Next month there will be a presentation from EDD on labor market analysis at the Dec 11, 2007 meeting at DESS One Stop in Woodland. The meeting begins at 8:00a.m. Guests are invited to attend. There will be a full day strategic planning on Jan 8 from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. at the Woodland DESS location. The goal of the WIB was to get a full board and determine where are they going and what they are doing. They will now set initiatives and goals to enhance the workforce development system in Yolo County.

Teri disseminated copies of the Annual Report. This year the vision and mission were redefined. At the time of the printing the WIB members are listed. There are a few changes since. They now have Craig Powel from Pacific Coast Producers, Chris Clark from Raleys, Carlos Morero from Baker & Taylor Marketing, and Randy Young, labor representative. The executive committee is listed as is the financial planning, membership taskforce, and the YYOC. The One Stop assisted 151 people. The hourly and average salary ranges are included. The job fairs were held at Woodland and West Sacramento offices and there were 37 employers and 1100 job seekers. Rapid response is discussed and this is where DESS learns of businesses that will be closing or lay offs coming up and it will show how rapid response was coordinated for those. Page 11 discusses the funding. In 06-07 DESS received \$108 million to operate the WIA programs. The funding for youth, dislocated worker, and adult is monitored differently. Teri noted job seeker assistance at 38,792 through the employment center and career exploration and includes applications, resumes.

Tom noticed a lot of new WIB members. Tom would like to see an agenda item for the Youth Council to present what they do at either next months or January's meeting. Teri says in December David Lyons is coming but she can look at the agenda for time. Teri says the WIB might need a time keeper because they are starting to go over. Tom asked Teri and Ronda to work together on putting the YYOC on the agenda.

Earlier this year the SB 293 bill was passed. It looked at the way WIB was structured and organized and it impacts the YYOC as well. The WIB must have 15% of members come from labor and to get to 15% they need three more members. For each labor representative they need two more private businesses. They are working with Bill Kemp of the Sacramento Labor Council. They are also adding a restaurant and hospital and a member from nursing may be added. The board would then be increased to 39. Teri believes the YYOC is already meeting the requirements of a youth enrolled in school; an out of school youth; private business; and local education agencies; private non profit; and apprenticeship training programs. The last thing the SB 293 added were duties to the Youth Council: leveraging other youth program funds to improve effectiveness; making recommendations to WIB for connecting youth program activities for One Stop; and making recommendation to WIB for occupations for women and girls and pre-apprenticeship activities.

C. Announcements and Legislative Updates

- Darlene Eaton, EEC and WRC liaison
- Nancy Northrup, EEC
- Viola DeVita, YCOE
- Michael Gangitano, counselor Lee Middle School in Woodland. Michael's role has changed as a result of AB 1802. Michael is 80% career counselor in a middle school. He's teaching four classes in career exploration. Michael brought flyers for Career Day which takes place April 4, 2008 at Lee Middle School. Michael has zero period and three other classes. The pre-WRC piece didn't get off the ground yet. Michael uses the Real Game curriculum in the career exploration classes as the career piece but uses other curriculum as well. He ties it in

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with youth future. He uses a lot of technology, web sites, job searching, and guest speakers. Some parents come to speak as well.

1. Real Game is an international curriculum, used in 11 countries, that puts kids in simulations where they explore adult roles. Buying a house, paying bills. It's fun and serious and includes connecting what they are doing in school now to see the relevance of what they're doing now to what they can do later. There are six levels from 3rd grade to adult. The real game California is the newest version for California only. It plays to a idea of a paradigm shift – this changes it to who are you now, what are your interests, what are your special talents and who's going to need what you like to do.
- Reid Thompson, YC Sheriff Department, Youth Prevention Programs – primarily in Esparto and Clarksburg. The DARE program.
 - Connie Gomez, YCHA. The Putah Creek restoration project has been going on for several years and as it expanded they found the need to add services. They are working with UCD and will be training youth leaders and will expand into homework assistance and sports. Connie also announced that she spoke to John Quilcoin from Salvation Army in Woodland and they will put an ad in the paper for first 100 families who need food for Thanksgiving.
 - Noe Lopez, YC Probation – Marjorie Rist is out. Ronda announced that YCOE has been meeting with probation to make sure they have an easy transition in education depending on the appropriate instructional methodology.
 - Panna Putnam, YCOE Coordinator of youth programs. Regional CALCP/CAROCP conference is coming up. Three faculty from Woodland and Pioneer high schools and two from Woodland Community College will present regarding the SB 70 web page design grant. There are several students on this career pathway. Mentoring programs for high school and college and career success just started. The updated community service guide is completed will be put on YCOE's web page and additional copies will be made. The first Saturday in February is the Academic Decathlon – please volunteer. Michael Gangitano is a trainer for the Real Game and he's assisted with the SB70 middle school grant. Additional funding will be good for up to 2014. The RFA's should be coming out for 07-08. Ronda suggested thinking about it for the YYOC for grants that will help with the youth in CTE. Esparto, Woodland, Pioneer are getting help. The Governor felt the community colleges needed to take the leadership in creating pathways to career training such as multi-media, biotechnology, health, and automotive. The challenge is that it goes to community college. The theme of the conference is "Arranging a Marriage".
 - Susan Purcell, WJUSD WorkAbility which is a career transition program for students with disabilities. They help youth with disabilities transition into the world, including mobility and independent living. They are planning a state conference for the end of April or May.
 - Vicki Rich, DJUSD WorkAbility, DSHS is trying to revive the pathways. The proposal from the administration is to bring pathways back as clubs. Vicki would like to have Panna discuss with Sheila Smith the possibility of the SB70's. Ronda discussed the possibility of ROP WRC liaison money. It's one of the new plans to integrate the WRC in DSHS. Vicki is a special education teacher for 80%. Vicki is excited about the transition conference.
 - Yu Hsuan Shih, Senior DSHS. Yu Hsuan is involved in an environmental club in school. They plan to paint a mural behind the garden they created last year. They are looking for grants to fund it and someone to assist.
 - Deanna Stark, YFCU. Deanna works with teachers and supports financial literacy.
 - Oscar Contreras, Case Manager for the Community College Foundation. Oscar works with older youth, ages 19-21. Oscar must only work with youth who are out of school. There are 11 to 15 identified to graduate in EEC this year. Oscar will come once a week to discuss services.
 - Lori Perez, YCOE FYS Outreach Specialist. Lori is excited about new group homes in West Sacramento serving ages 8-18. Progress Ranch in Davis serves elementary age youth. They

- have provided tutoring for each of the youth. In Davis there is an instructional aide that assists in the classrooms. They also provide information to Lori and Jessica. There are two youth at EEC, one at Midtown, Woodland High, Yolo High, River City High, and Davis High, and it's great to have support from everyone.
- Judy Needham, DESS, supervises the foster youth emancipating from FYS in independent living and supervises the WIA program. The state monitor was monitoring the adult and dislocated worker programs. Next year the youth programs will be monitored. They have the contract to work with EEC to enroll in-school youth into the WIA program. Judy will meet with youth and parents next month. Judy announced that they applied for and was granted transitional housing for foster youth. Funding was received for six beds to begin with. In the past it required 60% county funding so YC couldn't afford it before. The Governor approved the state to pay 100% this year. Youth will need to be employed or in the WIA program. There will be performance measures to meet. Vicki asked what if the youth was previously a Sacramento resident but now resides in Yolo. Judy confirmed this would be acceptable. Unknown where the housing will be located at this time. They will be able to stay as long as two years. They must be working – the first three months rent is not required. The rent collected goes into a savings account to help youth get started independently.
 - Susan Cassady, YCOE, Administer for Midtown, YCCP (YC Conservation Partnership), and Dan Jacobs. A number of alternative education students live in YCHA. There are others from YYOC, Gayle, Panna, Lori who go into YCCP to provide role models and positive adult influences. Selected students will also be going out of the classroom to junior colleges and other career expeditions. Three teachers are trained in Real Game. Susan Cassady is looking at working with Judy Needham further as well. The WIA program has worked for several of the alternative education youth.
 - Lamar Heystek, Yolo Family Resource Center, Coordinator of the Woodland Coalition for Youth. He is to bring all who do things for youth together so he knows where to send youth. Wants to identify mentoring programs in Woodland to augment the programs. There are other goals and activities, web site: woodlanyouth.org. Lamar wants to provide the information there. Lori asked if the youth in the SB70 can help with the website.
 - Kera Marcoux,, RISE Inc., works with transitioning adults under the WIA program.
 - Tom Lawson, WIB member. Asked about the acknowledgement made to Dr Ayala. Tom is the Community Service Director for the Sacramento Labor Council which involves six or seven counties. He's also the Metro Fire Board Director. They are looking at career ladders and they try to engage youth in these areas. Engage youth in community service such as food drives at Loaves and Fishes, and distributes packets during Christmas time. Two years ago he engaged a senior from Rio Americano High School. They bring students into the labor council and show them the importance of the electoral process. Tom had a young man run for school board in San Juan SD who was 19 years old. Eddie Kirby is now working at the capital for legislative conferences. Tom also does rapid response for union families who are displaced from employment and losing homes. Provides food and transitional housing and a can and bottle fund for gas money to get to work. Concerning foster youth: they have a vendor who donates a lot of clothing to his office and it's donated to Yolo and Sacramento youth.
 - Ron Piña, CTE Resources, mentioned a coalition called Get Real at the Closing the Achievement Gap summit. There has been a decrease in number of students enrolled in CTE since 1997. SB 52 will try to streamline instructors for CTE. SB 13 provides construction for CTE facilities. The argument today is about the A-G requirements - 70-75% of students are not going to college. Another bill will be informing parents about CTE. AB 597 and 428 will discuss the needs of CTE and take Perkins information and make it public. Arnold is supportive of these programs. There will be more information from Teri Burns at the CALCP/CAROCF conference that Linda Christopher can bring back. David Lyons, who graduated from River City High in 1981, is the speaker on economic development.

D. Sub Committee Breakouts
No breakouts due to lack of time

E. Sub Committee Updates
Ronda requested sub committees report out on progress. In the Leadership meeting we went way back to the beginning of the YYOC.

Leadership Committee: Ronda asked to make the Youth Council Retreat meeting from 3:30 to 7:00 with no leadership team. The WIB would like our progress documented. Also, take a look at structure to find out if this is the best way to organize. Ron will be the new chair. The YYOC may want to look at new places to meet and look at our organizational structure. We will have the WIB manager, Teri Ruggiero or Doug Gutaw will be on the youth council. Roberta used to be our go between the YYOC and the WIB.

Transitions Committee: Ready to revisit this at the March retreat. We may not need this committee.

EEC: Had the fall showcase. 35 parents came. It was very successful. There was a representative, Kai Vu, Program Officer from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and EEC got the thumbs up. Panna has joined to go forward with the career and college group. Panna will come two to four times a month to see a group through to college. EEC is hooking up with DESS. The first meeting will be December 12, 2007 with Judy. Ron Piña is also mentoring "the Posse". Cleve Barker joins them one day a week. The writing ambassadors from UCD and King Law School will also be joining them. Darlene says there are about 35 potential 2008 graduates identified. She is meeting with students one-on-one for personal counseling. Students are seeing personal needs being addressed and that graduation is possible. It's exciting to see students in Cyber High completing course work early. Kai randomly selected six students to question who had great feedback to offer.

EEC is arranging a gang taskforce meeting with staff. It will include the Woodland Police Department and Maria Contreras with suicide prevention and mandated reporter training.

Tom says the graduation rates for 2006 showed 321 youth dropped out. Are any of our youth those that have dropped out? Yes. When a student enrolls here we notify the school district so they can take them off their drop out rates. This is the first school that YCOE offers a high school diploma for. The other community schools are transition so students can go back to their regular schools.

Ron says the reason the districts may say youth don't graduate is because they get behind. Ron says that these youth are seeing that they can catch up and a lot of them want to go back to school.

WRC: Darlene shared that the WRC has recently been presented to her that she will have the opportunity to be here at EEC but also a WRC liaison. She will go two days each week to visit school sites with ROP programs, meet ROP teachers, and promote the WRC program to the community. Darlene would like to meet with Vicki Rich and Ron Piña to further discuss this.

CCYC: Lori shared that in the past years it has always been a college and career youth conference. This year is refocused to be youth leadership. They want to provide a conference where youth can engage themselves and become leaders. Lori attended a leadership conference put on by youth with a group of youth who were excited by the last day of the conference. This year is a partnership with YYOC, YFRC, WJUSD, Club Live, DESS, and WCC. They've worked with YSPN who will train the trainers who will be eight youth from Pioneer High, EEC, Woodland High, and Douglass Middle School. They will lead workshops and assist peers to develop leadership skills. Lori says that it's important to have the career activities such as letters and resume's but she believes the leadership conference will be beneficial to them. It will take place at the end of March, 2008. WCC has donated the facility to them for \$88 to cover janitorial expenses. The conference will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday. The Community Center is also an option. There will be 10 slots for each school throughout Yolo County including continuation schools.

Tom asked if students will be engaged in the political activities. Lori says there will be a presentation on it.

Next Meetings:

January 15, 2008 – YCOE's Conference Center

March 18, 2008 – YCOE's Conference Center – Retreat – proposed time: 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 Dr. Ronda Adams, Chair, adjourned the meeting of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola DeVita