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YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES November 28, 2006

I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on November 28, 2006 at 3:32 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, Theresa Cordero, Marcia Corrigan, Estella De La Torre, Pam Duey, John Eldred, Michael Gangitano, Jessica Larsen, Tom Lawson, Gayle McLevich, Linda Miles, Judy Needham, Roberta Paul, Lori Perez, Ron Piña, Susan Purcell, Panna Putnam, Karen Quintanilla, Vicki Rich, Vania Sanchez, Yu-Hsuan Shih, Rogelio Villagrana, and Diane Watrous

Absent: Angela Angel, Blanca Barba, Debbie Carrion, Alejandra Diaz, Victoria Gilley, Sandy Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Sherri Kent-Roberts, Liliana Martin, Michele Moore, Diane Moreno, Ashley Peceimer, Danva Ramirez, Mary Renteria, Vania Sanchez, Judy Simas, and Mike Webber

Staff: Viola DeVita

II. Welcome and Introductions

Ronda reminded everyone that phones and devices must be placed on quiet and if there are side bar conversations there will be a charge of \$1. All fines will go to the Einstein Education Center.

III. Statement from Public and Visitors

Rogelio will work with youth development with the Yolo Family Resource Center. He will continue to be involved with the CCYC. He will be full time with County Supervisor Frank Siefertman Jr until Jan 5, 2007 and then will go full time with the Family Resource Center and believes he will be able to be an official member now instead of a liaison.

IV. Agenda Items

A. Review and Approval September 19, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Tom Lawson asked for changes to Page 4, Item f – Kings tickets not River Cats tickets.

Tom motioned to approve September 19, 2006 minutes as corrected. Lori Perez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. WIA Youth Funds Request for Proposal

Roberta announced the RFP will come out December 13, 2006 after approval by the Board of Supervisors December 12. They will be targeting older youth ages 19-21.

Goals will be to provide job placements, applied skills training, internships, transportation, child care and case management.

Roberta would like to have this on the January agenda as well. They need to have readers from organizations that will not be applying. Funding will begin June 1, 2007 and continue through June 30, 2008.

Vicki confirmed this will be for youth that are not in school.

Roberta asked for a special youth leadership meeting in February to vote on the priorities. Need to have a motion to hold a special meeting the week of February 12. A decision was made to hold the meeting on **February 13, 2007 at 4:00 pm.**

Tom motioned to approve the Feb 13, 2007 meeting. Roberta Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried

C. Foster Youth Expansion Plan

Jessica provided a draft copy of the expansion plan to be submitted to California Department of Education. Jessica reminded the group that she will now be required to serve all foster youth in Yolo County.

John asked if Einstein Educational Center will target the foster youth. Jessica announced that it will be on a case by case basis. Those youth who are in stable homes would be more likely to attend the Einstein Educational Center. She does not believe it would be a good fit for those who are not in a stable home. Jessica asked what kind of numbers John is looking at. John confirmed 30. Jessica says that there are not that many foster youth in Yolo County.

Jessica will be the coordinator. California Department of Education wants to know how we are to determine what foster youth will be served and what services they will receive. The population is about 97 foster beds in Yolo County and in addition there are 85 group home beds.

Jessica would like to provide the youth with the greatest academic need. The priority system would be the group home and then the youth with greatest academic need.

Ronda noted that a number one priority should be aging out foster youth. Jessica mentioned the work that is being done to assist them as they age out, but her main focus must be for their education.

Vicki believes that the transition services are a greater need than academic need.

Other services listed are counseling and mentoring and we can direct students to agencies that are providing those services. Jessica will also be hiring an assistant.

Judy Needham says that they were writing a grant to get housing for transitional youth with the department of housing. Judy announced that referrals are taken from Yolo County.

Panna wants to know who makes sure the youth are getting all these services. Jessica noted that they have case workers and foster youth services whose role is to make sure that all the people involved are sharing information.

Jessica said this does not have to be an action item only for Yolo Youth Opportunity Councils information as the advisory committee.

Tom asked Jessica what the cost of mentoring is. Jessica was not able to answer that question. Panna stated that the cost of a mentor to provide one-on-one mentoring for 2-3 hours a week cost approximately \$1200 a year. Panna also said that statistics show that mentoring is one of the programs that show greatest success. It must be long term – longer than six months.

D. Announcements and Legislative Update

Lori announced that the Academic Decathlon is February 3, 2007 at Woodland Community College and she disseminated flyers for volunteers. Need volunteers for essay, interview, and speech. All Yolo County high schools participate. Volunteering will be from 9-12 and includes lunch. The event is from about 8 a.m. -6 p.m.. Students can receive community service credits there.

College and Career Youth Conference will be May 11 and depending on the committee it will be held at UC Davis gym which is being donated. The College and Career Youth Conference will begin at 9:00 and ends at 2:00.

Tom announced there has been a lot of side discussion but at 4:15 people will be penalized.

This afternoon Tom had a meeting with Division of Apprenticeship Standards and would like to have a 20 minute presentation made to the youth council. Happy Holidays to all.

Marcia said anyone who has older youth who is possibly a senior in High School or in college is eligible. If they're in college and an engineering student they start at \$10. Those in business start at \$9.00. The phone number is 916-653-2808. There is one position now and may be able to find a few more.

Susan is recruiting also. Erica Claussen has moved to Nevada City and she's hoping to restore a full time certificated position. The teachers go to different schools but don't teach although they are classified as a teacher. Special education credentials are not required.

Vicki is looking to place students due to short grant year. She needs business connections and workplace mentors who are willing to provide work experience for kids. These are paid placements and students are paid minimum wage.

WorkAbility is training and a resume building opportunity for special education students. There is a middle school and high school program. The work piece is usually 16+. It also addresses transportation, how do they spend their money, the basic decisions they make. Vicki's phone number is 757-5400 x 186 in case employers are interested.

Diane Askew is the WorkAbility person in Washington. Diane Grimard is the WorkAbility person in Winters.

John Eldred wants money. John attended the National Youth Sports Program at UC Davis. Students are brought to the UC campus. The central theme is sports but it's to also show them the

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college life. This is for low income students. Their funding has been reduced to about \$30,000. They have been mentoring about 225 youth and they do expect to be fully funded next year.

Ron states that Career Technical Education and particularly career education is emphasizing this program and it serves at risk youth in Yolo and Solano. The next meeting is December 8, 2006.

Jessica noted that the Sierra Health Foundation and Kaiser may have funding available. Linda says there is also big dollars coming from the feds. Ronda says it's the 2448 and it hasn't completely been defined yet.

Ronda announced that depending on how the Sacramento Job Corp is categorized they may or may not be able to apply for some of the grant funding. Ronda says if that were the case it could work.

Yasmine Deanda and will be working on the posters for the College Career Youth Conference. Yasmine will go to Los Angeles to do murals.

Estella De La Torre, River City and co-chair for College Career Youth Conference. She has their student registration forms.

Vania Sanchez is also involved in the College Career Youth Conference.

Pam Duey is on the board for Yolo Family Services Agency. They provide low cost counseling for Yolo County families and individuals. They serve many Hispanic people but none on the board at this time.

Michael Gangitano from Lee Middle School mentioned that the secondary counselors have been speaking about the AB1802 and they are being told they may be able to get as many as four additional counselors next year.

The Real Game curriculum will be introduced this year to the elementary schools for the first time. Five schools are sending people for training on Dec 19 at Tafoya Elementary. Phil Jarvis is doing the training and the materials are donated so that there is no cost.

- Roberta asked if outside persons can participate. Those interested should call Michael at phone number 669-4117.

Karen Quintanilla supports the National Youth Sports Program. Although "sports" is in their title, it is teaching youth to be responsible and become good citizens.

Migrant education received carryover funds that must be spent this year. They opened it up to the school districts. Woodland received four awards totaling \$100 thousand dollars. They include Pioneer High School, Woodland JUSD office English Language Development and one elementary school.

Susan Cassidy is looking for a building to house the four midtown classrooms. If anyone knows of vacant space of classroom size please let Susan know.

Panna Putnam, the coordinator of youth programs has just done series of career related workshops. She also introduced the middle school mentees that she works with at the California Career Zone. Petaluma who received a grant for SB70 middle school has contracted to us to receive services for them. They will be paying Panna for her time.

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Ron Piña doesn't have a lot of info on AB2448. It passed and it is going to be rolled out over the next couple of months. They will be able to sign up 14 and 15 year olds in ROP programs. There are requirements regarding sequencing courses.

There's been advertisement about rollout of Career Technical Education standards. On December 4, 2006 at the Sutter Health Center on Gateway Oaks Drive from 8-4, Don Borges will be rolling out the Career Technical Education standards and framework.

Judy Needham supervises the WIA program and independent living program for foster youth.

E. Subcommittee Breakout Session

Sub committees broke out as follows:

CCYC: Yasmine, Lori, Rogelio, Judy, Estella, Vania, Diane W.

Transition: Panna, Susan P, Marcia C, Karen Q, Susan C.

WRC: Gayle, Tom, Pam, Michael, Vicki, and Yu-Hsuan

EEC: Linda, Theresa, Ronda

Tom collected \$3 in fines

F. Subcommittee Report Out will be held over to next meeting.

Transition:

WRC:

EEC:

CCYC:

V. Adjournment

With no further business Dr. Ronda Adams, Chair, adjourned the meeting of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola DeVita