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YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES May 15, 2007

I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on May 15, 2007 at 3:35 p.m. at the Yolo County Office of Education, 1280 Santa Anita Court, Woodland, California with the following people attending:

Present: **Ronda Adams**, Kim Bradley, **Theresa Cordero**, Yasmine DeAnda, **Estella De La Torre**, **Pam Duey**, **Michael Gangitano**, **Jessica Larsen**, Linda Miles, **Judy Needham**, **Roberta Paul**, **Lori Perez**, Tanya Provencher, **Karen Quintanilla**, Deanna Stark, and Cathie Wicks

Absent: Angela Angel, Debbie Carrion, Susan Cassady, **Marcia Corrigan**, **Alejandra Diaz**, John **Eldred**, **Sandy Johnson Tom Lawson**, Liliana Martin, **Gayle McLevich**, **Michele Moore**, **Ron Piña**, **Panna Putnam**, **Susan Purcell**, **Danya Ramirez**, Mary Renteria, **Vicki Rich**, and Vania Sanchez, Judy Simas **Yu-Hsuan Shih**, Rogelio Villagrana **Diane Watrous**

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 March 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

Approval of March 20, 2007 minutes held over to July 2007 meeting.

B. **Announcements and Legislative Updates**

- **Ronda Adams** announced that we held the leadership meeting and Lori, Jessica, and Linda provided updates for their committees and Roberta was able to give advice to Linda concerning resources for Einstein Education Center.

YYOC discussed the available brochures. The group noticed that the YYOC brochure needs to be brought up to date. The group also wants to remove resource mapping and include transition services and Einstein.

Ronda brought the YCOE brochure to attention.

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- **Yasmine DeAnda** said there was a problem on Friday so she did not get to go to the CCYC. She is looking forward to the Senior trip. Yasmine is also in MECHa. They are hoping to do an end of the year trip. Her community service was the CCYC and the princess baskets. There were nine families in need of food and clothes. After graduation Yasmine will probably stay on the Youth Council. She's decided to go Sac State.
- **Estella De La Torre** announced the academy awards and ACE mentoring awards. Architect Construction and Engineering pilot program. The mentors are trying to decide if the dinner will be held at school or Raley Field.
- **Karen Quintanilla** went to Phoenix and attended a Migrant Education Conference two weeks ago. She came away being very impressed with how much the Secretary of Education in Mexico has done and what they have in place. You can get a diploma from elementary school and junior high on line for free and now the high school diploma is being implemented as well. There is a fee for taking each test – approx \$8. One of the goals is to have reciprocity with high school diplomas and university degrees.
 - There is an outreach program from Mexico to citizens around the world. They offer things like recipes or job skills or learning how to start a business.
 - Ronda asked for the web site. Karen will send to Viola and Viola will send it out to the YYOC. Karen says to Google: CONEYvT and it has a massive amount of information.
- **Cathie Wicks** Executive Director of RISE Inc. is here for three reasons. 1) RISE is sponsoring a comprehensive youth recreation program for the summer. There will be different tracks of activities for every age group youth 0-18. 2) RISE is celebrating 20th anniversary everyone is welcome to attend on June 1. 3) She wants to attend off and on about youth employment for royal youth.
- **Kim Bradley** is with Community College Foundation. That is a non-profit. The administrative offices are in Sacramento, Los Angeles, and Ohio. For youth services they primarily work with foster youth and emancipated foster youth and workforce investment. Kim runs statewide programs and has local county programs in WIBs throughout different counties and has independent living programs in different counties and statewide. They are excited to be in Yolo County. Kim is on a lot of state committees. She is on the National Governors Association (NGA). The three pillars the state is looking at are: education – GED or high school diploma; permanency – lifelong connection with someone, and some time of real work experience. A lot of ILP programs or high school programs will give youth internships but they report back to counselors that those do not prepare them enough. NGA is saying to the state of CA that youth need real job experience.
- **Pam Duey**, Woodland Veterinary Hospital – had two ROP students and hired one of them. They have two workability students and will hire one for the summer. The ROP student is a go- getter who took the science for kids class last summer then went for a two-day seminar on being a technician and then did the ROP class and now is working with them. Pam passed around the summer schedule. Vet Science for kids and VSI (vet science investigations) for teens. They are three weeklong sessions for one hour a day. Then one day sessions from 9a.m.-noon. Pam gives students an overview of safety and gives them a tour of the hospital. They get to watch exams and surgeries. Look at x-rays & ultrasounds for the kids. Pam also disseminated the hospitals new news letter.
- **Michael Gangitano**, Lee Middle School Counselor – no update
- **Deanna Stark** with YFCU is new to the credit union business and new to education and has no children. She is anxious to help any way she can. Deanna wants to help with financial literacy in the classrooms. She talks to children K-12. Penny the Pig is used with younger children to talk about money and what it is used for.
- **Tanya Provencher** is currently doing recruitment at DESS for Pacific Coast Producers. Yolo County will hold a job fair on July 12, 2007.
- **Judy Needham** announced a graduation service Friday for the youth in the ILP program. It will be at Cracchiolo's hall from 5:30 to 10:30. The youth confirmed to be going on to college will receive laptops. There are 13 youth going to college.

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- **Roberta Paul** no update.
- **Theresa Cordero**, student with community colleges. Went to Belize over the break for a community service project. Theresa wants to go to the high schools and talk to students about going into college and doing the community service hours. Theresa will be available the end of August. Contact tmcordero_20@yahoo.com
- **Jessica Larsen** announced changes in legislation that regulate foster youth services programs. Now all grantees must rewrite their grants to encompass *all* foster youth rather than just foster youth in group homes. She and Lori are trying to navigate getting students enrolled in community colleges and summer school.
 - Transition Committee: Jessica announced that the committee is trying to find a pocket size resource for youth. The committee is hoping to put together a youth friendly resource.
 - Karen provided a brochure that shows the legal ramifications that happen when youth turn 18.
- **Lori Perez** works with Jessica in FYS. Took a trip with a group to Sierra College. Lori reported that the CCYC occurred on Friday May 8, 2007 at UCD. Judy Needham is on the planning committee as well. YFCU used to participate. There is participation from Rogelio Villagrana with Yolo Family Resource Center. There were about 180 students. It was a great event. The partnership with DESS was great. UCD donated the Pavilion to us. There was a job application workshop and Jesse Ortiz presented on the road to college, from kindergarten to doctorate level.
- **Linda Miles** provided a brief update of what Einstein Education Center is. Several YCOE members had the opportunity to go to Boston and see how the other Diploma Plus models are running. She is currently enrolling students. There are 150 slots and they have about half of the slots filled. Linda meets with the youth and the parents/guardians and confirms what Einstein entails. The school is currently being remodeled. Linda and her secretary, Anabel, will move to the school site July 27 and school opens August 22. They still need community partners, tutors, guest speakers, need internships for youth and job shadow experiences.
 - Roberta suggested partnering with the Broderick Christian Center.YCOE applied for a grant for some buss passes but she doesn't believe we'll receive all of them. Linda says that the transportation is a huge glitch. Buss passes are \$309 per year. They are transferable if necessary. Linda said the counselors at West Sacramento are on board. On the 17th there will be a pizza lunch at Washington district. Estella will assist.
 - Roberta confirmed that students who are WIA eligible can get a buss pass from DESS.
 - Ronda will discuss with probation the possibility of them paying for buss passes for youth on probation or the possibility of using their vans.Linda coordinates the academic decathlon. The state competition will take place in Sacramento next year and they need about 600 volunteers. It is for youth in grades 9-12 with GPA's from 0-4.0. There are students across the board. The event will be held next March. The main event is the super-quiz in the memorial auditorium. The Yolo County event is February 2nd 2008. Linda will get the dates out to people.
- **Viola DeVita** announced the Faith-Based/Community Organization (FBCO) Network meeting will take place May 24 at the American Red Cross. The focus is the disaster and pandemic flu disaster preparedness and bringing together the faith-based, education, county organizations to be involved in the disaster preparedness.
 - Ronda hopes that the FBCO/YYOC/education will be working together for mentoring youth.

C. **WIA RFP Update**

The Community College Foundation and RISE, Inc will be funded. Tanya said that the WIB board approved the funding last week and they are currently at County Council. They are trying to push for it to go to the Board on June 5th.

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D. Sub Committee Breakouts

CCYC: Deanna Stark, Lori Perez, Yasmine De Anda, Estella De La Torre, Judy Needham

EEC: Linda Miles, Theresa Cordero

Transition: Jessica Larsen, Cathie Wicks, Karen Quintanilla.

E. Sub Committee Updates

Transition: The transition sub committee is going to try to put together a pocket size resource guide for youth and will contact Contra Costa County for a sample of their pocket resource guide.

CCYC: The CCYC is looking forward to next year. They hope to engage youth by incorporating more leadership activities. Because it is a college and career youth conference some schools choose not to participate because they host one at their school site. The committee hopes that if the conference is transformed into a leadership conference with college and career components tied in they will be able to attract more youth.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2007

V. Adjournment

With no further business Dr. Ronda Adams, Chair, adjourned the meeting of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola DeVita