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YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES May 16, 2006

I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on May 16, 2006 at 3:38 p.m. at the Yolo County Office of Education, 1280 Santa Anita Court, Woodland, California with the following people attending:

Present: **Ronda Adams, John Eldred, Sherri Kent-Roberts, Jessica Larsen, Tom Lawson, Liliana Martin, Gayle McLevich, Michele Moore, Judy Needham, Roberta Paul, Lori Perez, Ron Piña, Panna Putnam, Karen Quintanilla,** and Rogelio Villagrana,

Absent: Angela Angel, **Jorge Ayala,** Blanca Barba, **Chris Blackman,** Debbie Carrion, Susan Cassady, **Marcia Corrigan, Estella De La Torre, Alejandra Diaz,** Pam Duey, **Michael Gangitano,** Victoria Gilley, **Dave Heller, Sandy Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Constance Lucero, Diane Moreno, Ashley Peceimer, Susan Purcell,** Mary Renteria, **Vicki Rich,** Vania Sanchez, Judy Simas, and **Mike Webber**

Staff: Viola DeVita

No quorum

II. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and Introductions completed.

- Jessica – announced that she has been involved with new legislation. There's a new interest in foster youth going to college. They plan to have a guardian scholars program to help them go through financial aide, housing, and so forth. Another big focus is educating future teachers on the needs of foster youth. They are trying to include foster youth circumstances in the curriculum for new teachers.
 - Ronda announced that Davis Campbell is involved in the Foster Youth committee at the state level.
- Judy Needham, DESS supervisor of the WIA and ILP programs. They are revisiting the way they serve the foster youth and looking to enhance the services they provide.
- Michelle Moore, ROP teacher for Careers in Educational Child Development, YCOE, and CCYC coordinator, is excited because the CCYC was a great conference and she got fairgrounds for free. Also a donation from private business man Tom Eaton, Eaton Drilling in the amount of \$250.
- Roberta announced the Celebration of Success Thursday. WRC recipients will be recognized. ILP graduation is this Friday.
- Karen announced this is a busy time of year. Three migrant centers have opened. Dixon and Winters centers are full. Davis still has room. Bad news is that number of migrant students that can qualify for programs seems to be diminishing lately. One of the first casualties is the transportation. It is costing \$2,000 week and they can't afford to continue.

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- Rogelio Villagrana, Deputy to Supervisor Frank Sieferman Jr. announced a fund raiser taking place this Thursday will be the introduction event for an arts center UCD is starting in Woodland. It is to be at the old housing authority property on Lemen Avenue. It will cost approximately \$100,000 to fix up the old maintenance warehouse and Davis committed \$60,000 to help with the update, and UCD committed \$50,000 per year for three years to pay for the director. There will be gallery space and the other part will be a workshop area for students to do art and murals. It will be a graphics center for businesses or non profits to design posters, business cards, brochures. The cities and the Woodland Joint Unified School District are involved. The age group will be jr high and high school students. It will be opened to adults in the evenings and they may have elementary classes in the summer. Eventually it will be a place for poetry, community meetings, and dance. They are currently looking at a 25 year lease with the housing authority. The mentors will be UCD students. Rogelio will e-mail the information to Viola.
 - Ronda announced there is a lot of Art funding coming from the state.
 - Ron states the Governor proposed a block grant in Prop 98. There will be a minimum of \$5,000 per school site depending on the number of students.

John Eldred congratulated everyone on the job fair last week. It was well done and well organized. It's fast paced. Ron and John were talking about the trainees picked up from RCH. John thinks there have been more than 10. Ron will get the numbers out. John commented it's been a great relationship with RCH. John and Jessica have had dialogue with potential trainees. John is working with Linda Dufault at Madison High School. They have one student and another is coming next month. John has not had contact with Wolfskill High School. They are getting more activity out of Davis. In the last 2-3 months John's received about five applications from Davis. Generally out of school youth. John wishes Tom was here to discuss the coming labor shortage and how it will effect our youth.

John and Ronda were discussing the new Diploma Plus School and the possibility of bringing students into Job Corp twice a week. Job Corp can provide transportation. "They are wide opened to anything." Sherri did discuss this with the Director of Job Corp. The only caveat is that they want a co-enrollment process.

- Ron Piña announced that Estella is the classified employee for Washington Unified School District this year. Ron has received a lot of phone calls about it.

Ron thanked Roberta Paul for sending out the job announcements. They have parents coming in to his office and look at the job board and there have been many referrals to the jobs that Roberta sends. Ron just sent out 700 letters to employers on the chambers and in the city discussing work permits and doing internships.

Legislative update: (Agenda item B) May revise shows that COLA is 5.92% which is an increase. For ROP and Perkins there is \$50million set aside for career technical education equipment. It will be allocated to the districts. This is separate from Perkins funding. It will depend on enrollment.

Middle schools and high school will have \$200million to hire more counselors. There is a 500-1 ratio in most schools and at RCH it's 300-1. That will also help alternative education.

- Lori Perez said thank you to those who helped and participated in the CCYC. There were over 600 students and 60 vendors. It was a great turnout. Lori was pleased with the diverse amount of vendors. They had a college from San Francisco, University of Phoenix, and Elly Fairclough from Mike Thompson's office. Lori and Michele generated certificates of appreciation for those involved in the planning committee: Judy Needham; Rogelio Villagrana; RCH – Estella DeLaTorre, Madison High School Linda Dufault, EDD, YFCU - Mike Webber; Independent Living Program - Victoria Gilley; and Alexis Kersting were included in receiving certificates.
- Gayle announced the SB 70 Quick Start grant. ROP is in partnership with the community college. Just wrote one grant for \$440,000 and received it. It's a multimedia project. Students

will be able to attend ROP and college classes. There are two more coming up, designed to establish career technical education (CTE) exploration at the middle school level. There is also one to strengthen the CTE we already have. They are considering articulating more classes along the early childhood education and hopefully get an additional partner.

- Michele Moore said the logistics of the fairgrounds was tough. This year, more than before, they had participation from the youth council and it made all the difference in the world.
- Panna Putnam announced the SB70 middle school piece we are in the process of writing. Linda Miles is taking the lead. It's a \$150,000 two-year grant. They are going to use the Real Game curriculum that Mike Gangitano has in place. Mentoring will be the focus for year two. The other grant is from the Sierra Health Foundation. We will hear on May 31 if we were successful in receiving funding. The first year is the developmental process and will be \$75,000. They use students and community members to do research on 10-15 year olds and then can apply for a 2 year grant.

There has been 100 youth served with the current mentoring grant.

The Faith-Based/Community Organization Network met on April 25. Susan and Panna presented 40 Developmental Assets. They are going to try to get the faith based group to partner with them on different initiatives. The network is still in the infancy stages and they think it will come along.

- Ronda discussed the grant proposal that was discussed at the YYOC Retreat. It originated in Massachusetts and New York. Two Diploma Plus grants will receive funding in CA this year. It will be a regional county-wide school for students 14-19 who are disenfranchised with current education or out of school youth as well. This school will be for a student that has little hope of obtaining a diploma in regular education. If a student is motivated and willing to put in study time, they will be able to test out of classes and placed where they need to be. It will be competency based (on standards) and performance based. Mornings will model the regular school environment and afternoons will consist of CTE. They have written into the grant, a person we will refer to as Mr. B. If Mr. B applied to teach for diploma plus, he would be able to teach all math. In the afternoon he could do the computer aided drafting or architectural design because he is also an engineer. He has the ability to do all four areas: academics, CTE, internship, and advisor. Teachers will have 25 students they will case manage and will be in contact with parents on a regular basis. It's only a \$300,000 grant but the technical support is key. They will have a statewide and a national team that will come in. The name chosen is Einstein Education Center – where learning happens E=E2C. The challenge now is that we need a building. The CBO is talking to the state to find out if we are eligible to apply for a hardship grant. We will have a complex with a work center environment. Site visits will take place in June. There are only 13 people selected in the state to apply. Ronda announced that all the districts came on board as well. 1st phase is 150 kids so we want six classrooms. It will be like a big shell with movable walls. There needs to be workstations and large and small areas. Rogelio suggested Adrian Monroe who could put Ronda in contact with big construction councils. Another possibility is Dave Darling, a recruiter for labor apprenticeship council. Karen mentioned Davis Migrant has 64 houses. There are 40 plus houses that are empty. The housing authority may be able to help. The houses do not have heating because they were designed for spring and summer use. Ronda may contact David Serena concerning these. John suggested contacting FEMA re the use of the trailers that have not been utilized by the Hurricane Katrina victims. School is supposed to open August 2007. Ronda's looking to have 300 students in the 2nd yr.

III. Statement from Public and Visitors

No statements

IV. Agenda Items

A. Review and Approval of January 17, 2006 Meeting Minutes and March 21, 2005 YYOC Retreat Minutes

As there was no quorum, approval of the January 17, 2006 minutes was held over to next meeting.

B. Announcements and Legislative Update – completed under Item II Welcome and Introductions

C. Parent of Eligible Youth

Roberta reports that they were recently monitored by the state who reminded them that the YYOC is still missing a parent. The monitor stated that the youth does not need to be enrolled in WIA but can be low income or can have a learning disability – the parent of that youth would qualify as the Parent of Eligible Youth. Michele Moore confirmed that her daughter has a 504 accommodation ADHD. Roberta confirmed that all Michele needs to do is provide a copy of the 504 accommodation. Michele Moore is our parent.

D. Sub Committees breakout session - not enough members for breakout sessions

E. Sub Committee Report out

WRC

WRC is participating in the Celebration of Success. Gayle will fax Roberta the names of the students. There are 20 from Winters and 20 from RCH. There are only a few from WHS. Esparto has 10 or 11. Pioneer will be on board after they have their interviews. They've been going out and speaking to students. They currently have not added more business participants at this time. Gayle gave the invitations to Celebration of Success to the schools and left it up to them to respond whether or not they were attending the dinner.

Roberta says they did a wonderful job on the video tape for Lori who will be recognized at the celebration of success.

CCYC

The post conference meeting was held today. The number of students was a concern. When the students went to their workshops, they found it difficult to concentrate because there was so much going on. Also, there were so many students there was not enough space for the presenter. The FFA of Woodland High School did the BBQ for them. The food was great. The River City Mecha club helped again. There was a good turnout. Some of the students weren't as engaged as they would prefer. Students liked the packet Jessica made for the transition to adulthood.

Ronda says there were 130 students from Cache Creek high school. She had a good time with them. They were listening but couldn't risk their peers seeing them become involved. Wolfskill was the only school missing. Yolo High had a bus reserved but didn't make. Ronda suggested the possibility of using the Veterans Memorial Hall. Lori said they are going to look at sites earlier this coming year.

Michele announced that a canopy would have a cost of \$1400. PG&E was major underwriter this year with \$2500 for food. DESS paying for busses was super. It was great to have because the schools would rather not have to pay for their busses. The YYOC CCYC had byline on the front page of the newspaper as well as a picture of Dave Darling and students.

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Another compliment to EDD was the handout to students from the application workshop and information for applying for jobs and interviews. They also had a cheat sheet to make notes about background information when they apply for jobs such as social security number and references; and have it to fill out the application when they ask for it. Some employers notice that.

Next meeting time was not set today because many were missing.

Overall handouts from different speakers were excellent per Panna.

Transition Committee

Jessica brought the small binder together for the CCYC. The committee has not met since the retreat but they are looking for housing and life skills curriculum to share.

Next meeting to be held in YCOE's Woodland Conference Room from 3:30 – 5:00

Aug 1, 2006 (Roberta would like to put the YYOC web site on the agenda and have about 30 minutes for review). If YCOE receives the Diploma Plus grant we will reschedule the date.

September 19, 2006

V. Adjournment

With no further business Dr. Ronda Adams, Chair, adjourned the meeting of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola DeVita