



# Yolo County Workforce Investment Board

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## YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES May 18, 2004

### I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on May 18, 2004 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, Gretchen Bender, Diane Callahan, Susan Cassady, Estella De La Torre, Michael Gangitano, Dave Heller, Dennis Hubbard, Lee Humes, Jessica Larsen, Constance Lucero, Gayle McLevich, Michele Moore, Carol Neal, Susan Purcell, Panna Putnam, Karen Quintanilla, Vicki Rich, Jennifer Sanow Angelica Saragoza, Alvin Singh, and Kathleen Sutton

Absent: Brenda Arteche, Jorge Ayala, Blanca Barba, Chris Blackman, Steven Daubert, Jennifer Davis, Bianca De La Torre, Dianne Grimard, Kathy Harryman, Christine Hartman, Sandy Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Susan Knadle, Jerry Knapp, Tom Lawson, Krystal Majorovas, Diane Moreno, Ron Piña, Delia Quiñones, Cassandra Schantz, Mike Sellers, Nelida Sotelo, Jasmine Smith, and Lisa Tadlock

Staff: Viola DeVita

No quorum present.

### II. Welcome and Introductions

Gretchen Bender, Division Manager, Financial Services, YCDESS  
Diane Callahan, Sacramento Job Corp, on behalf of Sherri Kent Roberts  
Dennis Hubbard, Woodland Teen Center  
Michele Moore, Teacher on Special Assignment, YCOE  
Jennifer Sanow, Outreach Specialist, YC Health Department  
Kathleen Sutton, Yolo County Children's Services

### III. Statement from Public and Visitors

Statements moved to Agenda Item B

### IV. Agenda Items

A. **Review and Approval of January 20, 2004 and March 2004 Retreat Minutes was moved to September 21, 2004 due to limited attendance in July.**

**B. Announcements and Legislative Update**

- Lee Humes suggested that the Youth Council have a dialoging session of needs assessment for new partners as well as sharing resources.
- Gretchen Bender is in attendance to help navigate the muddy waters of the WIA regulations and to try and leverage resources. Gretchen is also a credentialed teacher.
- Carol Neal of Los Rios Community College District is involved with three regional consortia's that consist of health, engineering, and technology. Carol announced the following:
  - An Engineering//Science Camp for girls, grades 8-12.
  - Technology consortia collaborated with LEED to present Connecting Educator's to Industry on August 12, 2004 at the Folsom Lake College. Intel will present.
  - Computer Tech teachers can be members of BITRC.
  - SETRC – Engineering had a successful solar competition in which Davis and Woodland High Schools participated.Carol will e-mail resources to Viola to forward to members.
- Alvin Singh is a senior at River City High School, here to represent youth. He is involved in the Engineering, Science, and Tech Academy which includes youth in grades 10 – 12. Alvin is currently an apprentice technician for Washington Joint Unified School District.
- Stella De La Torre is employed by River City High School. She also is an interpreter for the school. She attended the Engineering/Science Camp through SMUD and has two students who will attend the camp this year. Stella attends the meetings for the resources available.
- Jennifer Sanow is employed by the Yolo County Health Department. The Department is hosting an adolescent health forum. They surveyed 106 youth services and will have the report May 27, 2004 at the Yolo Library's Leek Room from 10 am – 12 pm. They are interested in how to collaborate as funding decreases.

Jennifer also reported that the Tobacco Trailer is going to junior high schools in Yolo County. Their main contact has been with those involved with each schools yearbook. Jennifer verified that Susan Cassady is on the Tobacco Coalition.

- Angelica Saragoza with the Employment Development Department's youth program serves youth ages 18-21. Angelica tries to place youth in programs designed to return them to school.

Monday was the last day of the job fair. It went very well.

Ronda pointed out the e-mail from the River Cats concerning the Career Youth Conference and the Yolo schools that attended.

- Diane Callahan reported that while youth are in Job Corp they begin training at \$25 every two weeks which is increased to \$50 every two weeks for a total of \$250. If they complete their vocational training the government will pay them \$750. Thereafter they are provided an additional \$1200. The total cost to the government for one year of vocational training is approximately \$25,000 per youth, including room and board.

Diane provided a Job Corp Fact Sheet.

- Vicki Rich, WorkAbility, Davis reported that they are taking WRC applications for the fall.

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- Susan Purcell, WorkAbility, Woodland announced that Yolo County has WorkAbility in each school district. Winters also handles Esparto. WorkAbility is designed to prepare youth for life after high school.

Davis and Woodland asked Susan to be an interviewer. She has interviewed a child in Davis Joint Unified School District. Susan invited more businesses to attend as interviewers.

Ronda suggested that Vicki and Susan report on transition classes – from youth to adulthood. We will put it on the YYOC September 21, 2004 agenda.

- Dennis Hubbard, Woodland Teen Center, reported that Jasmine Smith invited him to attend the YYOC. He states that the Teen Center is now a 501(C3). They are looking diligently for resources such as business sponsors and private individuals. Dennis states a person can sponsor for as little as \$10 a month for a couple of years.

Education is another focus of the center. As is tolerance and gang issues.

Once an actual facility is in place they hope to have a facility where students can receive these resources.

- Karen Quintanilla, Migrant Education, reported that Madison and Dixon are filled. Oddly enough Davis is only filled to half its capacity. Karen announced that they were awarded the Beaumont Foundation grant and were awarded 30 Toshiba laptops and a rolling cart. They have placed 15 laptops in Madison and 15 in Davis. The Housing unit in Davis is being built and they are still awaiting connectivity. Of 10,000 applications, only five grant awards were given.

They are collaborating with UC Davis and will have interns for the summer.

The Madison Childcare Center is under construction and they are hoping there will be connectivity there as well.

- Susan Cassidy reported that Alternative Education was awarded the Healthy Student Community Policing Grant which is going to expand counseling and provide more probation officer time.
- Connie Lucero reported on the Adolescent Family Life Program.

Connie also verified that the WIA RFP's are out. The three grant areas are

- Summer Employment for youth
- Paid and Unpaid Work Experience
- Occupational Training

There was discussion that no one from the YYOC volunteered to be on the rating commission which poses a concern considering the YYOC is designed to make recommendations to the WIB. Ronda requested the following:

- In the future a direct request for rating commission volunteers is to be made to Ronda as the Chair of the Youth Council.
- Next year YYOC will be actively involved in the RFP process and will make sure the Chair is notified.

- Kathleen Sutton, Yolo County Child Welfare Services reported that she has had contact with foster youth in the system that won't go home soon if at all. The County has upgraded computers on the worksite and old computers are ear-marked for and being distributed to foster

youth who are either emancipated or over the age of 18. These youth are able to access service through ILP (Independent Living Program) in addition to WIA.

Kathleen is in attendance to be aware of collaboration.

Child Welfare Services is in redesign which they have been legislated to do.

- Jessica Larsen, YCOE's Foster Youth Services, works with foster youth living in group homes and is now the Yolo Liaison for the Community Service Grant Program (CSGP).
- Michele Moore is the Careers with Children ROP teacher and is working for YCOE as a teacher on special assignment. She was involved with the Career Youth Conference. There were 262 students from Yolo County, 17 were WIA registered.
- Gayle McLevich, Coordinator ROP announced that she would like to further discuss training options at the Teen Center. There is currently a ROP Career Technical and Networking class in Davis. Microsoft Office Specialist and Customer Service classes are also available.
- Panna Putnam, Regional Coordination for CSGP.

Panna reported:

- Hands Together is putting on a Wine Tasting & Fashion show Friday at 5:00 pm in Sacramento.
- Panna attended the college fair and obtained information. Panna provides college workshops to schools.
- The Nature Bowl was swept away by Yolo County 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- COSMOS is in the preparation stages. It provides Science/Math enrichment and student internships.
- Esparto Middle School interviews 8<sup>th</sup> graders prior to their move to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. They need interviewers.

**C. Review and Approval of 2004-2005 Meeting Calendar was moved to September 21, 2004 due to limited attendance in July.**

**D. WIA funds to support YYOC activities**

Lee feels that there is one fundamental goal that operates for "All Youth One System". The YYOC is as far along in achieving collaboration than any other youth council in the state and it's a result of the YCi training. WIB operates and the same kind of role but the YYOC is further in realizing the goal than the WIB. At the WIB it's "universal access". One can't expect someone working with a funding silo with regulations to step out of the norm. Our job is to continue to put pressure on the system to do this. It's important to find a way to bring the WIB up to where the YYOC is.

The difference is that the YYOC is organized by the county office of education and has received training from YCi. The WIB is organized by the Department of Labor and receives training from the California Workforce Association (CWA). We must try to bring the Department of Education and the Department of Labor together and provide training to the WIB and the YYOC. If both trainers will agree, it will assist us in coming together. The overall objective is to make a seamless system.

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The council discussed contacting Virginia Hamilton of CWA and Steve Trippe of NWW to train the WIB and the YYOC simultaneously. YYOC will need direction from the WIB to facilitate this.

Lee, Ronda, Constance, and Chris are the only members that attend both meetings.

Susan Purcell questioned what happens if legislation changes and youth councils become optional. Ronda verified that California will keep youth councils. YCi won the Architect of Change Award Nationally. Other state youth councils are looking at us. We need to focus on moving ahead.

**E. Review Five-Year Plan**

Since there can be no action, Ronda will ask Doug Gutaw if we can put the condensed version, as agreed upon at the March retreat, into the Five-Year Plan.

**F & G. Review and Approval of 2004-2005 Goals and March 2004 Retreat Action Planning and Report Out was moved to September 21, 2004 due to limited attendance in July.**

Ronda stated that there will be Five Action Planning Groups in September. There will be a YCOE staff member on each planning group.

Ronda will keep the council posted on training. She will get it on the WIB agenda.

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.

July 20, 2004  
September 21, 2004

**V. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Viola DeVita