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YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES July 20, 2004

I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on July 20, 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**, Angela Angel, **Chris Blackman**, Debbie Carrion, **Jennifer Davis**, John Eldred, Justin Hall, **Dave Heller**, **Lee Humes**, **Sandy Johnson**, **Tom Lawson**, **Constance Lucero**, **Gayle McLevich**, Michele Moore, **Vicki Rich**, Masiel Sánchez, Jennifer Sanow, **Jasmine Smith**, Kathleen Sutton, and Shovonee Titus

Absent: **Jorge Ayala**, Blanca Barba, Susan Cassady, **Steven Daubert**, **Bianca De La Torre**, Estella De La Torre, **Michael Gangitano**, **Dianne Grimard**, **Kathy Harryman**, Christine Hartman, **Elizabeth Jones**, Susan Knadle, **Jessica Larsen**, **Krystal Majorovas**, **Diane Moreno**, **Carol Neal**, **Ron Piña**, **Susan Purcell**, **Panna Putnam**, **Delia Quiñones**, **Karen Quintanilla**, **Angelica Saragoza**, Cassandra Schantz, **Mike Sellers**, **Alvin Singh**, Nelida Sotelo, and Lisa Tadlock

Staff: Viola DeVita

No quorum present.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Angela Angel, Program Coordinator, Friday Night Live
Debbie Carrion, Outreach Specialist I, Friday Night Live
John Eldred, Sacramento Job Corp
Justin Hall, Alcohol and Drug Specialist II, Friday Night Live
Masiel Sánchez, Alcohol and Drug Specialist I, Friday Night Live
Shovonee Titus, Friday Night Live

III. Statement from Public and Visitors

Statements moved to Agenda Item B

IV. Agenda Items

A. **Approval of January 20, 2004, March 2004 Retreat, and May 18, 2004 Minutes was moved to September 21, 2004 due to limited attendance in July as there was no quorum present.**

Review of May 18, 2004 Minutes:

- Vicki Rich requested Item B page 2 be amended to state “Davis *will be* taking WRC applications”
- Constance Lucero requested Item B page 3 also include the verbiage “*In clarification – a request was made at the January 20, 2004 YYOC meeting.*”

B. Announcements and Legislative Update

- Ronda reported on the AB 1785 Amendment. Senator Alarcon’s bill has received strong support from Jack O’Connell. The bill requires increased rigor so eventually students can enter into higher education. Since A-G legislation was enacted requiring 100% of high school students to pass these requirements, it has been very difficult to achieve this goal. Students should be proficient in Algebra 1 and have career writing skills and access to career technical education courses. High schools will be asked to send students to training October 25-26, 2004 at State Superintendent of Schools

Lee is interested in discussing a project to look into the correlation between whether or not these subjects are preparation for anything other than a test. How can it be made less restrictive?

Ronda verified that there has been thorough research. Ronda will keep the YYOC updated on this bill.

Ronda also reported on the handout in the packet regarding the Hmong refugee population and the impact on Yolo County. Approximately 16,000 refugees were due to begin arriving June 2004. 31% of those will likely reside in California, where they already have family members living. Central Valley counties with the largest Hmong populations are Fresno, Merced, Sacramento, and San Joaquin.

Connie concluded that the basic impact will be on Sacramento – with overflow to Yolo County.

- John Eldred, Sacramento Job Corp is in attendance on behalf of Sherri Kent-Roberts. Sherri has been promoted to a supervisory position and it’s likely that she will be unable to attend. John announced that the Sacramento Job Corp is located at 3100 Meadowview Road, Sacramento. They currently have 14 trades and are adding a call center training as well. Once a program is completed they go to the Union Hall, pay dues, and begin in their prospective fields as an apprentice.

They currently have 485 trainees – 350 of which live on campus. 80% of applicants are male and they would like to encourage more females to apply.

John states that the Job Corp would like to make further presentations in Winters and Esparto.

- Tom Lawson announced the completion of a Career Day booklet which was disseminated. There are two or three jobs that don’t require high school graduation. However, Electricians require algebra and a test is required. Heating and Air Conditioning also requires math.

At a recent Sacramento Board Meeting Tom suggested pre-qualified bidding. Qualified bidding requires that benefits can be added on top of prevailing wage.

Bill Mehan, Founder of Northern California Construction Trades is working to get a construction charter school started. It is the Northern California Polytechnical Academy located at 8100 Demetre Avenue in the Depot Park Center (formerly the Army Depot). 70 people are enrolled as of today.

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- Jasmine Smith disseminated an article regarding the role in CSGP. “CSGP students team up with AmeriCorps members on a mural project in Woodland.

Ronda stated that Hands Together and Friday Night Live (FNL) are active in mentoring. YCOE, Hands Together, and Friday Night Live have partnered in writing a mentoring grant. Parent trainings will be included. If received, the funding will be \$600,000 for three years. YYOC will be the advisory committee. The grant allows for 75 students to be served the first year and the team picked the most rural and the most urban students to be served in Yolo County.

- Angela Angel is Program Coordinator for FNL. Their next Youth Council meeting is scheduled to take place August 7, 2004. Angela will find out how many youth will be able to attend the next YYOC meeting. FNL also works with the California Youth Council. Angela will commit to bring young people to the YYOC and try to get representation from Esparto, Woodland, and possibly West Sacramento. Students can bring their thoughts concerning education.

Angela disseminated a resource guide that they provide to faith-based organizations and schools. A “Hand to Hand” flyer and their mentoring brochure were also handed out. Ronda suggested that they submit an electronic version of their Prevention Newsletter and she will forward it to the YYOC.

- Justin Hall is now going into his 4th year mentoring with FNL. Mentoring is structured at three sites: Esparto High School Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors mentor Esparto Middle School Students; Woodland High School and Pioneer High School students mentor Lee Middle School Students. River City High School students mentor at the Club West Teen Center. They meet once a week for two hours teaching life skills. All sessions are lead and designed by students. They are incorporating Project Alert – a science-based mentoring curriculum. Mentors and Mentees are paired for one year.

YYOC member, Bianca De La Torre is currently working at John H Jones as a mentor.

- Jennifer Sanow, Yolo County Public Health Department, provided a directory for youth service providers in Yolo County as well as a Summary Report prepared in association with STD Community Intervention Program (SCIP). The information was provided from 106 surveys that were returned to them.

Jennifer also announced that the Tobacco Coalition presented a multi-media trailer to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. This was piloted by youth.

- Masiel Sánchez informed YYOC that Krystal Majovorras moved to San Bernardino. Masiel is involved with the Youth Council in West Sacramento and is part-time staff with Friday Night Live.
- Shovonee Titus is also involved with Friday Night Live.
- Sandy Johnson, a Rehabilitation Counselor with the Department of Rehabilitation has been unable to attend meetings due to very heavy case load. Sandy said she partnered with high school WorkAbility and served 15-20 youth. Most want job placement. Also partnered with YCCC. They hire job developers and training youth. She was amazed to see more severe disabilities than she’s seen in years.

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- Kathleen Sutton, Child Welfare Services is undertaking the ongoing task of taking foster youth into services in the community. She's trying to de-stigmatize foster youth and make sure she's got resources for them.

They are working on communication within their own agency to take back resources.

Ronda reported that Gayle McLevich is working with Bree and Roberta from YCDESS to get high school credits for foster youth.

- Dave Heller has already scheduled a couple of presentations at Yolo County schools for the 04-05 school year. Dave's program served 1623 students last year. Eventually the Sheriff's department will rotate Dave out and another officer will take his place. Dave explained that the grant funded Yolo County Teaching Tolerance Project allows law enforcement to discuss areas of bias with students. Dave's choice is to point out how people are alike rather than their differences.

Dave reports that the department has asked him to write a program for the Intern Chief's of Police who have made it to the semi-finalists.

Chris Blackman reported that YFCU is putting together a calendar for class presentations and job shadowing. Chris made a request to have the Career Youth Conference brought back to Woodland. Though it was held in Yolo County (River Cats stadium, West Sacramento), she felt that there wasn't as much business representation from Yolo County as there should have been for students of Yolo County.

Michele Moore will assist with the Career Youth Conference this year and Angela Angel was asked for assistance from FNL. Michele intends to invite career and high education presenters to next year's event.

- Vicki Rich reported that WorkAbility had 17 youth on various sites and the Davis Kids Club. They were very successful. Vicki also felt that the River Cats were too restrictive on the information required prior to the event.

The Career Youth Conference Steering Committee will begin meeting in September or October 2004. Critical issues: transportation and sponsors.

- Michele Moore reported that YCOE gave Work Ready Certificates (WRC) to 70 students county-wide. All Chambers of Commerce helped. 33 Woodland students received the WRC this year – up from 2 students receiving the certificate last year.

Connie verified that non-schooled youth will be getting WRC interviews. Connie will send Ronda and e-mail when they are ready to interview. Ronda will notify the YYOC of the opportunity to assist with the interviews.

- Jennifer Davis announced that she is available to schedule Financial Literacy trainings.

- Gayle McLevich reported on the LEED Luncheon that took place June 23, 2004. Those recognized included:

- Winters Chamber of Commerce - Small Business Award for the High School Job Club
- ROP Fire Science Academy – Signature Impact
- YFCU – Honorable Mention (YFCU received an award last year)
- Sacramento Job Corp – Most Innovative program for CISCO

C. Update on non-attending YYOC members request for resignation

Ronda announced that YYOC members are federally mandated committee. It is important that members attend meetings in order to move forward on important items for youth. Ronda urged members to make sure the six meetings are on their schedule and do their best to attend them.

D. Review and discuss revisions to the 2005 WIA RFP

Connie announced that there is an increase in funds allocated this year. It is now \$100,000 – up from \$75,000. Connie asked for feedback on where to concentrate efforts in order to get more bidders. This year one bidder received \$50,000.

Connie disseminated a Yolo County Youth Services Status Analysis Summary for review. She states that elements can be changed or added to the 2005 RFP.

After discussion of creating a sub committee for the RFP the decision was made that the Leadership Committee will convene to provide input into this process.

The point was made that the Youth Council should authorize Ronda to make decisions when issues such as this arise since there is such difficulty achieving quorum at each meeting.

E. Review and Discuss revisions to the WIB webpage was not discussed due to time constraints.

F. Review Youth Program Orientation flyer and discuss increasing collaboration between existing Yolo County entities was not discussed due to time constraints.

G. June 29, 2004 YCi Team Leader Meeting Minutes

YCi Team Leader Meeting Minutes were included in the meeting packets.

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.

September 21, 2004
November 16, 2004
January 18,, 2005
March 15 & 16, 2005 (tentative retreat dates)
May 17, 2005

V. Adjournment

With no further business Ronda Adams, Chair, adjourned the meeting of the Yolo Youth Opportunity Council at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola DeVita