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YOLO COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES September 18, 2007

I. Roll Call

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board Yolo Youth Opportunity Council meeting convened on September 18 2007 at 3:40 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, Marcia Corrigan, Pam Duey, Jessica Larsen, Gayle McLevich, Michele Moore, Judy Needham, Nancy Northrup, Nancy O'Hara, Lori Perez, Susan Purcell, Panna Putnam, Karen Quintanilla, Vicki Rich, Yu-Hsuan Shih

Absent: Susan Cassady, Linda Christopher-Miles, Theresa Cordero, Yasmine DeAnda, Estella De La Torre, Alejandra Diaz, John Eldred, Michael Gangitano, Connie Gomez, Tom Lawson, Liliana Martin, Roberta Paul, Ron Piña, Danya Ramirez, Mary Renteria, Vania Sanchez, Judy Simas, Deanna Stark, Rogelio Villagrana and Diane Watrous and Cathie Wicks

Staff: Viola DeVita

II. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions made.

III. Statement from Public and Visitors

No Statement

IV. Agenda Items

A. Review and Approval March 20, 2007, May 15, 2007, and July 17, 2007 Meeting Minutes

- March 20, 2007 Minutes – Susan Purcell motioned to approve the minutes, Vicki Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- May 15, 2007 Minutes – Kim Bradley motioned to approve the minutes, Pam Duey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- July 17, 2007 Minutes – Judy Needham motioned to approve the minutes, Susan Purcell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Review and Approval of 07-08 YYOC Meeting Calendar

The November YYOC Leadership and YYOC meetings will take place November 13, 2007 and will be held at Einstein Education Center. Vicki Rich motioned to approve the calendar as amended, Panna Putnam seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Review and provide/confirm information for YYOC Matrix

Vicki Rich added phone extension. Kim Bradley's e-mail must be corrected.

D. Review Estela De La Torre's Letter of Resignation from the YIOC

Susan Purcell will also check into the WorkAbility group at Washington Unified School District to determine a replacement for Estella.

E. Announcements and Legislative Updates

- Gayle McLevich announced the new law that allows students to be under 16 years of age to be in ROP. If the student is attending a regular, comprehensive high school, grades 9-12, they can be in ROP. Davis Senior High School is grades 10-12 and students have to be on a plan based on AB 2448 which had huge political ramifications.

The government is working on simplifying the ROP teacher credential. The Governor wants career industry teachers and the one year of experience has to be within the last three years. Currently there are 150 different types of credentials and they are trying to hone down to 15.

The Career Technical Education conference is coming up Nov 14, 15, 16. It's dual with CAROCP.

Susan Purcell asked about the CLAD certification. Gayle announced the ROP teachers have to have CLAD certification if they have a core subject credential. Susan says that WJUSD requires the CLAD if they are the teacher of record. Michele Moore confirmed according to the AB 2032 ruling she had to be CLAD certified.

- Lori Perez, Foster Youth Services announced Jessica will be going on leave soon and she will be calling for assistance if related to foster youth needs. Lori shared that since the CCYC is so huge she has partnered with the Woodland Coalition for Youth YFRC. It will be a leadership conference with the college and career component. The Leadership Conference will be youth lead by youth trained by YSPN on October 29-30. Lori is hoping to get students countywide.
- Pam Duey, Woodland Veterinary, is starting to go to the schools. Pam is the Co-chair for the Business/Education Committee for Woodland Chamber of Commerce. They are having a mixer at Woodland High School – no alcohol. They are calling it the extreme makeover of the commons. Pam just sent a VIP list out to members of the committee – the idea is to get people in the business community involved in schools. Hopefully there will be a lot of people interested in attending because either they, or a relative, went to WHS. They would like to generate more of a working relationship between businesses and schools. The mixer takes place on October 18 between 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Judy Needham is working on making a stronger ILP program. There is a new case manager who works with Lori and Jessica. Jessica confirmed the focus is on the 19-21 year olds. WIA is moving along. A couple of rapid responses are going on. Combustible Engines is closing their doors in November. DESS is going out tomorrow to provide résumé service. Countrywide Mortgage will lay off 12,000 people nationwide. There are a few in Woodland who will be affected.

Judy said there are youth case managers but they have the contracts with the Community College Foundation and RISE Inc.

Judy has been working with Linda Christopher-Miles at EEC.

Ronda asked about future job fairs. Judy said they are rotated every quarter. Judy can send the information to Viola concerning the One Stop meetings. Ronda discussed the possibility of recruiting more businesses from the job fairs for WRC and the CCYC.

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Susan Purcell questioned if there is any services younger students can access. Judy verified that younger in-school youth can still be brought on board but DESS is only given one year to case manage them so they need a GED or diploma by the end of that time.

Ronda discussed the idea of having the transition committee work with senior's who are transitioning. This could be an alternative activity for the senior's while the junior's are testing. The senior's could apply for the WRC that day and fill out the forms. Judy said they go out to some school on a regular basis and give orientations to the youth, explaining what the program is and what they can do to have additional options.

- Michele Moore announced her Careers with Children course. The Internship site will be Head Start. The course work will be done with Michele in the evening. Students can do 3-5 hours a week at the Head Start site for their internship. Michele normally has a student do community service to translate. The class will be every Thursday beginning Sept. 27. Credits are articulated with the community college.
- Panna Putnam announced the SB70 grants. ECE will replicate what Michele is doing at three high schools – Esparto, Colusa, and Live Oak. There are two other SB70 grants – one for high school web design and one for Early Childhood Education professional development. There are four classes at WHS which are aligned with classes at WCC. Esparto is coming on board this year. The middle school grant is for five schools in four counties. The curriculum is Real Game. There are two Yuba schools, one Colusa, one Lake, and one Sutter. Part of the middle school grant is ROP visitation days for middle schools and summer camp around college and career. All school except Lake County will be attending the summer camp. There will be funding set aside for Lake county to arrange their own camp.
- Yu-Hsuan Shih announced the Environmental Club in Davis is more successful this year. They are hoping to collect more money this year with the recycling program and for the gardening for the schools.
- Vicki Rich had a successful summer. Students were paid 811 hours for July and August. Vicki had students at Speedie Lube who were hired on for the summer. Another has been hired and will start this week at Pro Meds and will be on the company payroll. Vicki was in Greece which is why she couldn't be here in July. This year is as smooth as she's ever seen it. The Board and Pam Mari are working on the SARB. Vicki went to the School/Business Partnership meeting in Davis. PG&E properties awarded the foundation \$22,000 to help with the career fairs and shoring up career services at DSHS. They will look for a coordinator to do the career fairs because Cynthia won't be available this year. Kitty Hudson is working for the achievement task force for the achievement gap.

Pam had a WordAbility student in the summer who has hired on and has been nominated as employee of the month.

Vicki announced that there is no work experience class at DSHS this year so they aren't getting the credits unless they are WorkAbility. Pioneer High has 200 students operating under work permits and 20 with WorkAbility.

- Kim Bradley announced the Community College Foundation has been contracted to DESS to provide services to the 19-21 year olds. They are located at YFRC. The biggest challenge is recruiting and retaining. Oscar is the case manager who does outreach and recruitment. They assist with providing vocational programs or providing a certificate. The need of the youth right now is looking for a job right away.

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- Karen Quintanilla announced that the Governor held some funds some years back and finally released everything. This month is the last opportunity to expend the funds. There has been a flurry of activity. They had a migrant education symposium in Los Angeles last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Mary Khan with Davis JUSD and Edgar Lampkin with YCOE attended. Next week, Thursday and Friday, there will be a correspondence course, PASS, as a two-day training in Sacramento. School district personnel have the books, workbooks, and electronic version. It must be in designated computers now but the hope in the future is to be able to send it over many computers to allow students to study. The service is free for migrant students. There are about 30 different courses available in English and some available in Spanish. The hardcopies are available in both languages.

Gayle asked if an EEC student would qualify. Karen said there is an application process.

- Marcia Corrigan with Cal Trans hired one high school student who just graduated. They tried to get one of Vicki's students on at TUC. Marcia went to a conference with the Secretary of Education. It consisted of mostly top administrators. She suggested they talk to the people in the trenches because they have an idealistic view.
- Nancy Northrup, EEC, Title II Coordinator is sitting in for Linda Christopher-Miles. Everything is up and running. All computers are in an in process of being tweaked. The staff has been amazing in rising to the occasion of dealing with the issues at hand. Students are not getting behind because they are not on Cyber High. Today they were made aware of where they are standing. They have the first two students enrolled at WCC. They are taking a music appreciation class that will last several weeks. They are getting on track with PE requirements. Nine students are enrolled in the PE contract at Workout Express and it's being revisited in the advisories. They desperately need volunteers who can assist between 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. in the central area. If there are extra bodies, help is accepted.

Ronda announced that last Thursday there were 130 students enrolled. There is room for 20 more. The students must talk to their school counselors and WJUSD has an enrollment process in place. College students going into counseling or social services might be perfect to volunteer if they need and elective. Panna is assisting Gayle in this area.

Pam asked if the volunteer needs to be a regular thing. Ronda verified that all volunteers must be fingerprinted and have a TB test. Once those have cleared volunteers may drop in.

- Susan Purcell is excited that WJUST hired to WorkAbility Coordinators and just received a 50% person. A resource specialist teacher from WHS who's returning from maternity leave. Susan is now at Pioneer High.

WorkAbility always needs to work with businesses. WorkAbility wants to get the business community to work with schools; job shadowing and other ways to interact with businesses to share how we can prepare students for the workforce and how they can help us. This is the focus of the mixer Pam Duey mentioned earlier.

- Viola will work with Edgar about parent trainings for the FBCO and will ask for volunteers for EEC.
- Ronda mentioned the Early Childhood Education and the training for teachers. Special Education's Autism class was brought into Greengate for safety reasons.

Professional Development applied for a workforce development with an English Learner focus through the Feds. English Language Learner services are a big focus this year and Edgar will probably be working with Karen Quintanilla.

According to the test result data that came out, STAR testing looked at socio economic and cultural identity and discovered that poor white and Asian children were out-scoring Hispanic and African Americans. The gap isn't closing. The State Superintendent believes there appears to be a racial achievement gap rather than economic achievement gap. It was previously believed that the gap was based on poverty and a lack of services but this no longer appears to be the case.

- Nancy O'Hara, DESS, met with WJUSD regarding their SARB meetings and will send a representative from their department who works with the CalWORKS piece who makes it mandatory that students go to school. If children are under the age of 16 and not going to school, parents can be removed from the grant. They want to get them supportive services to help them succeed and will be working with WJUSD for that. Part of the notice has to say that aide can be decreased if the student is not attending school. DESS' goal is to get the youth back in school so they can get their diploma.
- Jessica Larsen is grateful to have Lori working with her. They are now working with foster youth in homes but primarily group homes. They get them appropriate placements in schools. There is a new group home in West Sacramento for boys. There are six boys in the home. Lori and Jessica have had attorneys, CASA's, etc. calling them for assistance.
- Gayle McLevich also reported expansion at Dan Jacobs. There are six teachers at Juvenile Hall and space has been rented out to other counties. There is a full time computer applications teacher there. The students go in and out. For instance, there may be a bulk at EEC then some might go to Juvenile Hall and then to Midtown. The November meeting will be at EEC. Gayle says ideally EEC should have one adult for 10 students. There are two ROP classes there: Fashion Merchandising and Stage Craft. There will be electronic lighting. Numbers as a whole are down in ROP due to intervention classes and that sort of thing.

F. Sub Committee Breakouts

No breakouts due to lack of time.

G. Sub Committee Updates

No additional updates

Next Meetings:

November 13, 2007 – Einstein Education Center

January 15, 2008 – YCOE's Conference Center

March 18, 2008 – YCOE's Conference Center - Retreat

May 20, 2008 – YCOE's Conference Center

July 15, 2008 – YCOE's Conference Center

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